Kojima MGS 2 Development Diary

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Development Diary

Hideo Kojima: 4 years of struggle

1998-2001

-98/10/6 (Tuesday)

I went to SEGA’s “New Challenge Confere
this next generation of consoles will be to

If you’re looking for cinematic visual quali
seems like it’s best to avoid full polygon. U
impression I got was that for games on PC
polygons has increased to make thinks loo
there are still limits to how detailed things
to get to the essence of how things are go

at these DC games today, I saw the direct

It won’t be cinematic quality. It’s a game a
day, one that prioritizes gameplay and ele
possible before. Even if that means being

Like having dead enemies remain, even 1

-98/10/7 (Wednesday)

I went to see Saving Private Ryan with Ma
and Nakamura. We prepared the tickets w
and went off to Shibuto Cine Tower. But w
what do you know, it was already standing
really that popular?

…..and then an announcement that “it’s 1

I see, so it was Movie Day.

I don’t have the strength to stand for a 3 h
giving this look of “what should we do” jus

the theatre over yonder caught my eye.

“Austin Powers”.

Right away, we crossed the street in the li
switched to Austin Powers.

Daaaaaaang, that was funny. But maybe c
will get that kind of comedy?

I might need to re-watch 007 again for MG

-98/10/23 (Friday)

Today was the day of a barium test for my
duodenum, small intestine and large intes
KGB would call it “using barium” when the
passed on false information to check for le

I left home 30 minutes later than usual. M
the doorway until I was out of sight. My ba
a 5-night, 6-day business trip, so it was di
work. I should have at least brought my su
before.

-98/10/29 (Thursday)

Did motion capture at IMAGICA. We had a
so left some time after 10. I was guided ar
studio. It’s been 2 years since I’ve been to

I went when I had just arrived in Tokyo to
editing for TGS. I worked with the staff the
of night.

Set up was already finished by the time I a

Toyopi (So Toyota) was front and center ha
We started with Mei Ling. A (texture-less)
made by Mizupin (Probably Takashi Mizuta
time matching the actress’ movements.

From a distance, it looks quite realistic.

A magnetic motion capture system was us
limited action this time, so we recorded in

The actress was quite a looker. She h
as the kids in Silent Hill. Actions were c
It was the first time she was directed for e
so things proceeded with some fumbling a

Even so, the progress was beyond compar
tested out 3 years earlier. The programmi
guess it really is impossible to do everythi
need to think efficiently.

We headed back to Ebisu for a bit in the a
going to IMAGICA again at 5. Toyopi was w
everything and was relaxed. We had captu
shootings we had expected to, so did adlib
remaining 30 minutes. The traditional dan

learned and the dojou sukui done using Na
quite the sight.

We greeted the actress once she'd taken c
capture suit and helmet. She was a pretty
These kinds of jobs may increase in the fu

-98/10/30 (Friday)

I planned to go to the hospital this mornin
felt fine, so I decided not to and went to w
run out of medicine today.

-98/10/31 (Saturday)

I bought a GBC and then just set it aside f
any games that I want, so it will probably
around not being used.

I found the (original) GB Mario in my room

the GB and played it and well, it’s fun. It’s
fundamentals. Only 4 colors and a bit ugly
enough.

Left Ebisu with Muraoka and the sound gu
Pantheon around 2:15. Saw that the line fo
went from the 1st to the 5th floor. Our sou
work yet, so I asked some guy I didn’t kno
from LA hat) to hold seats for us, and he s
the 2nd floor. I gave him a Metal Gear hat
had over 4 hours, so I went to Tower Reco
with Muraoka. I bought a Dark City CD and

We got back in line again, but it’s quite to
coincidence, it turned out that LA guy’s fri
Konami group. And he'd brought his girlfri
made 5 of us in the group. As we got close
starting, the number of TV station camera
LA guy got caught on camera and did an i
know if he lost his mind, but at the end he

available now”.

A bit after 5:30, our friend from the sound
Matsuno, who had made FFT for Square. H
business cards with people on the stairs li
talked about our recent circumstances as
real good guy.

Things finally started at 6. We found our g
or so row from the front. With all the deco
it didn’t look like the Parthenon. The open
After a Kungfu action event, they introduc
People like Bruce Lee’s wife, Go Nagai, etc

Then at 7 it was “Vampires”. It started wit
with John Carpenter. He seemed more ene
It was quite a good interview.

Vampire was so good, it felt like Carpente

had good themes. It was a story that had
over it.

Once the movie ended, I went to dinner in
Muraoka. We talked about a planning boot
drinking beer and I explained the outline o
think about it, it was Muraoka that I talked
the last one too. It was at a café in Sannon
recall. Afterwards, we drank until 12 at a b

98/11/1 (Sunday)

I saw the news about John Glenn on TV. He
with his son to space, but I wonder if he ca
about rockets less like the space shuttle a
rocket from Wallace and Gromit’s cheese

I spent the day reading a book at home. I
Collins’ “A Dozen Black Roses.”

98/11/4 (Wednesday)

Had an interview with a German TV chann
and cameraman brought their equipment
duralumin case. Both of them looked Gerr
had ear piercings, and the other one looke
Agent Mulder from The X-Files (David Duch
so alike that I asked Scott (Scott Dolph) to
tell them, but he said they didn’t look alike
translate it for me.

I heard that Scott had lived in New York fo
immediately asked him about the area arc
Island. He told me a bit about the distance
Liberty to Wall Street, and the safety and
Chinatown, Little Italy, and Brooklyn. With
have no problems setting MGS2 in Manhat
a detailed map of Manhattan. When I go to
information, I’ll trust what he says since h
it.

**An armed group takes over the offsho
island) that was built after the tanker
since they’re a bit weak, they decide
president, who has come to inspect t
as well. The president is suddenly kil
the story, and then player expectatio
The president was actually a body do
Solidus, nearing the end of his term,
go underground.**

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98/11/8 (Sunday)

Went to work in the afternoon. I was conta
there was a freezing bug on the PAL versi
filled me in on the details. It turned out to
overload. At the heliport, if you put on the

moment the stinger’s 1st person camera l
freeze. We fixed it for handover to CS inte
Uehara stayed to burn the ROM. He’s beer
confidence, flexibility, and a sense of resp
It’s a good thing.

**I borrowed some videos at Tsutaya: “
Underground” and “Break Down.” I w
after putting my son to bed, watched
“Break Down”. It was so interesting i
strength. Does the sense of tension c
Russell being a weak, ordinary perso
make the protagonist of MGS an ordi
create that kind of tension……but tha
a game.**

**At 9pm they were broadcasting John
“Blackjack”, never before released in
Otsuka did the voice of main characte
Lundgren. I might be able to use that**

the kid was telling Lundgren where to
been blinded by a flashbang grenade
o’clock!). I only watched the beginnir
sleep.

There was a big earthquake in the middle
a 4 in Kanagawa prefecture, and a 3 in Tok
terrible.

I had a lot of weird dreams.

98/11/9 (Monday)

Had a recording for the MGS radio drama
Central Recording from 3. Saka was back t
Colonel Cortez. He really is amazing. It wa
performance evocative of Gates Becker. S
listening to it feels suffocating.

People from a few different magazines ca
or that. Took a commemorative photo wit
the studio. Otsuka told me “director, plea
middle”, but we took the photo with me o
seems Otsuka (voice of Snake) really likes

**Saka is really great, so I thought abo
him in MGS2. Had a rambling convers
Muraoka at a ramen shop in Ginza.**

**A legendary man who worked as a sn
Vietnam war, taking out 64 enemies.
not the sniper, but a spotter. He caus
man to miss on his first mission and g
Now he works security at an offshore
beloved wife has passed away, so no
his only son. He then becomes estran
once he finds out about his past.**

He’s familiar with the interior of the c
the end he serves well as a spotter fo

I tried thinking of a role for Kaneto Shiozaw
role came to mind.

Saw “the Replacement Killers” in Ginza. I t
could have been a lot better if John Woo h
Yun-Fat sucked. The gunfights were uninsp
John Woo can make him look manly.

Today’s name. Raiden Brannigan

Solidus is gas, haze, an existence tha

98/11/10 (Tuesday)

Belatedly assembled all the MGS developr
reports. With 39 people in total, it was diff
together.

I went to Tsutaya with Matsuhana to borro
development reference materials. I return
and “The Guard from Underground”, and b
and “Face/Off”.

**Today’s newspaper had an article abo
supercomputer codeveloped by Liver
and IBM, Blue Pacific. I wondered wha
use such a high speed calculator for,
it’s for subcritical experiments. I gues
nuclear testing will become more and
The Arsenal Gear would also be equip
supercomputers (Blue Atlantic). I tho
Arsenal Gear as not just an arsenal, b
collects its own data, and provides fe
experiments in order to deploy in the
possible. There wouldn’t be a need fo
warhead firing exercises. A nuclear te**

deployed in actual warfare.

I’ll feature a historic warrior using te
prevent aging. A legendary hero from
war. One who even taught Big Boss a
Someone close to 100 years old phys
over half a century of combat experie

Codenamed “Old Man”, a walking pie
history. He calls all soldiers around th
“youngsters”.

“No one has seen more battlefields th
one living has come closer to death th
fights using a panzerfaust. I’ll leave h
out the details of his equipment.

Saka would be good for his voice.

While tossing around ideas with Murata on
we heard that Kikuko Inoue was coming ba

Akio Otsuka will be appearing in a live act
to pay attention to his scheduling for whe

-98/11/11 (Wednesday)

We gathered at CS corporate HQ at 9:30, t
KCE development department for a total c
went to SCE together. We waited in the fa
to submit the master.

Then to the meeting room. As we went up
floors were clean and the women we ran i
beautiful and flashed beaming smiles. Tha

**First we went into a small room. We w
different types of demos on 5 prototy
boards) stacked on top of each other.
was a technical person, I may have be
appropriately shocked. But for somec**

ignorant like me, it wasn’t anything t
Especially since I heard that the refle
bouncing off the floor, the reflection l
flare were sprites and not calculated
source. It surpasses comparison with
machines, but it’s not like the machir
or anything like that. And of course, i
Needless to say, no flavor either.

Finally we saw a model of the GT opening
environment flowing in real time. Hmm, th
If made properly, one could comfortably e
visuals in real time. You could say it's high
cinematic games. However, MGS is differe
display seems rather unhelpful.

We changed locations, and went from the
getting an explanation on the specificatio
monstrously advanced piece of hardware
the norms of game consoles. It also chang

processes data. Effects like explosions, wi
not crafted by hand, but produced by phys
from something called middleware. Things
exist in real time 3D not as data, but calcu
change in how things are made. Where be
would make every single hair, with the cha
calculations, things may get closer to phot
losing their distinctiveness.

We brought back 1 set of just the graphics
company. Had a complex discussion with U
from Akasaka to Ebisu, I don’t think I’ll for

Once we got back to Ebisu, we got the ma
together and explained the outline.

**We reaffirmed our direction with MGS
have a large number of enemies in lo
(around 100 soldiers in 1000 polygon**

-98/11/12 (Thursday)

Wrote up a draft of the plans. Had to
more familiar WORDPERFECT to MS-W
the changing of eras goes. The same
diary, but the sensation just feels diff
on the monitor and the kerning are sl

I'd been writing up plans and specs o
ever since Konami started using Macs
ago. Ever since Ichitaro it's always ta
time to get used to new software. I w
for Metal Gear on WORDPERFECT. It's
WORDPERFECT's distinctive text rows
layout set a tempo without me realizi
positioning the letters and figures he
rhythm while writing plans. Not that
Windows are hard to use, but they fe

Metal Gear was ultimately something
made in WORDPERFECT and Fukushim

MS-WORD.

After writing a few pages, things wer
decided to call it quits for the day. I o
(possibly Kumi Sato) to make the logo for
to keep it simple without reusing the prev
course, the same will be true for MGS3.

I called Ueno from the video editing room
evaluating the PS2's graphics. He came in
beside him. I'll have Kume-chan (possibly
do the settings tomorrow. I wonder if we'll
demo tomorrow.

98/11/13 (Friday)

Kume-chan set up the board for evaluating
He had a video up in about 5 minutes. The
just a single 8 polygon square. It was even

expected. Takabe will probably do someth
weekend.

I wasn’t able to do any writing on the plan
discussions and such.

-98/11/16 (Monday)

Went to the hospital for the first time in a
30 minutes, I met with the doctor.

He seemed really happy when I told him I’

I felt nostalgic as I walked the winding roa
gone down so many times this last half ye
through the ticket gate, I hoped I’d stay h
never need to come back again. Goodbye
illness….

Takabe showed the results of the last wee
Lab. It appears he stayed at the company
working. **500 Snakes were running aro**
Gear hangar. This was truly the impac
This guy’s awesome! MGS2 really will be u
things no one has ever seen or experience
looked convinced that this would work. I th
about 200 using a mid-amount of polygon
adding in a scene when introducing the ai
around 200 soldiers are all lined up listeni
commander’s speech. Just seeing that ma
would add a sense of tension to the stealt

I jokingly added a “no entry” mark and P4
Secret Lab. I’m enjoying every morning m

Dewa-kun (Possibly Shoji Dewa) retur
He brought samples of MGS trading c
good. Thank you for making them so
Dewa-kun.

Airstrikes on Iraq appear to have bee
problems with nuclear inspections ar
backbone of MGS2. There are suspici
Gears are being developed in Iraq.....
repeats itself.

-98/11/17 (Tuesday)

Went back to the planning drafts. I will wri
thing, but I’m not sure how helpful it will r
we won’t get anywhere without at least a
that serves as a point of reference for a u

Today’s menu at Takabe’s secret lab: First
I saw a screen of antialiasing and perspec
wrapped in fog. It was quite good. Then I s
and blur. And finally split screen. The floor
It will be a way to obscure the terrain of th

-98/11/18 (Wednesday)

Spent the day, morning and afternoon, ga
Didn’t make much progress on the plannir
part about the setting.

After a while I had Muraoka look over 10 p

Today’s menu at Takabe’s secret lab: Light
back polygon edge folding.

Using 600 Snakes naturally made things fr
we moved around 450 Snakes. It happene
first try this evening. Looks like freezing st
PS2. These are just images though.

450 people wriggled around the Metal Gea
the Honolulu marathon.

Displaying this many makes things look fu
many people they thought it was and they

made me happy.

The first set of motion data we recorded a
month arrived. You can see Mei Ling’s dojo

**When I got home, ETV was broadcast
child soldiers. Contents were mostly
morning’s newspaper. Good timing. I
use it for Raiden’s true past (backgro**

**The American phonebook I ordered fr
immediately looked for Sarah Connor
pretending it was the one from Termi
for character names.**

-98/11/19 (Thursday)

The planning draft is mostly finished. I’ll d

development server once I finish it tomorr

I moved onto the character backgrounds w
opinions from staff.

Today’s menu at Takabe’s secret lab: Movi
environment mapping. Multiple moving lig
disco. The environment mapping is the sa
made before on the PS. It’s pseudo-enviro

Nothing real surprising today.

Johnny (Johnny Sasaki) finished work on M
working on Snake’s model for MGS2. Shink
overseen by Mizupin (Takashi Mizutani) ar
what can be done by designers alone, so w
characters look real. We gave up on makin
to people that actually exist.

I regret not seeing the meteor shower the
an issue of it being a once in 30 years eve

chance to see it, but that I’m surprised at
lost interest in such things and finding the
Shouldn’t I have taken the initiative and s
meteor shower? Back when I was a studer
have been watching the sky until morning
landing or Soyuz docking and shuttle laun
more curious and enthusiastic back then.
old.

-98/11/20 (Friday)

I autographed some MGS trading card my
some issues with the printing process, I di
100 that were planned, and just wrote on
come. They have a special coating so an o
marker doesn’t write well on them, so Dew
something from Mitsukoshi.

I signed them with Shin-chan (possibly Yoj
time. My pen glided smoothly across the p
hard with the pen. There was a lot of rang

signature took up a lot of space, with the
the card design put to waste. Like where i
can’t even tell what the 9 and 8 are. “Who
might be mad”, I thought as I kept signing
trading cards…..came out well. Dewa also
have another job completed.

I finished writing the planning draft and pu
server. Now the main MGS2 members can
with Mac specific fonts, so it doesn’t displa

Today’s menu at Takabe’s secret lab: benc
thing we made for PS and then ditched in
squirmed around on screen, bending as th
obstacles. Looks like it will be doable this
light hits a thin wall such as a folding scre
through it, so we need to consider where w
had other work for half the day, so there w
on today’s menu. He’ll also be at work tom

after. Looking at him, I feel jealous of the t
seems really fun.

I swam at the sports club. I swam 12 laps
meters. It wasn’t so busy on Friday, but th
crowded. Unsurprisingly, Christmas songs
and inside the club.

The evening issue of the Asahi Shimbun ir
from me in an ad for “Dark City”.

“There’s no mistaking it will go down in sc
history”- Mr. Hideo Kojima, Metal Gear Sol
designer

I thought it was funny that they called me
me feel kind of happy that I did something

-98/11/22 (Sunday)

I bought the Legend of Zelda Ocarina of Ti
console at the department store. I'd thoug
so many times since it released 2 years ag
ultimately weren't any games I wanted to
bought it.

**I found Zelda and an N64 at the store
counter with my son, and tried to pre
the kid that wanted it.**

We got back home and plugged in Zelda.
tribe tutorial for a bit, but the 3D was hars
bad. I guess it's no good for me since I do
3D……

**This is what I bought the console for.
through it no matter what.**

I watched a nighttime special on NHK, “Th
World”. I found some ideas for MGS2. In p
a scientist tried to make money off of sea
currently doing research on how to produc
water.

Could materials for nuclear weapons like p
extracted from sea water or a nodule of m
seafloor? It doesn’t really sound believable

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-98/11/24 (Tuesday)

More Christmas decorations are going up
day. Even in my own home, I noticed the u
decorations in the living room and entryw
off from work this year, so I should be able
enjoy this Christmas.

I revised the planning draft and reuploade
server. Updating it puts at the top of recer
will see it tomorrow. When I asked staff fo
the draft, it appears none of them knew it
readable. I told them how to access the da
and the others started reading it. I should
at tomorrow’s daily report.

Today’s menu at Takabe’s secret lab: the i
on shadows. They change and stretch whe
real shadows. They curve around barrels a
This processing is like something out of a
shadows appear when there are multiple l

It displays alright. Nothing real surprising
there’s something missing, but I worry if I
it will cheapen the visual impact. Investing
lights and shadows won’t leave room for n
Focusing cinematically on a single point w

may be the way to go…. I’m still undecide
to take things.

However, there’s no one to create the exp
I want by going after cinematic CG. It all c
contents. That’s the route we need to take

**I found a nonfiction book called Blood
Sabotaging Hitler’s Bomb. Skimming
codename “mikkel” caught my eye. I
what language, but apparently it mea
have been the code name for some sp
Nazi related operations. I want the co
(protagonist and Dead Cell) to be wea
time (Raiden, Fatman, etc.). I want to
that they’re not being treated like pe
strategic pawns.**

-98/11/25 (Thursday)

I haven’t turned on the N64 once since the
Zelda. Zelda is really trending in parts of t
is always loud about games, and Nakamur
have been raving about it. It appears Nish
are glued to it every day until morning. I’m
With how rough 3D is on me, giving it ano
pain.

The thing everyone talks about is the gam
the start (the first boss), it’s high intensity
stuck on the first boss. I heard Okamura ta
beat it at lunch time. The game’s puzzles
without a strategy guide. Yet everyone wh
that “that’s what makes you so happy wh
them!” “It’s a game that’s got something
underwhelming games lately, it’s the first
feels like a game. It’s because it’s difficult
through it makes you really feel like you’re
Recent games play you instead of you pla

is a real game….” That’s what everyone s
what makes for a fun action game. Adjusti
MGS was a problem I stressed over until t
worry me? Because this is obviously a diff
Metal released on MSX. Prices, global circu
and values have changed. That’s why I wo

When asking a lot of people about the ide
quite a lot of overlap. It looks like the way
deeper into 3D polygon action.

**I worked on the background for Raide
protagonist. I put most of the first dr
also wrote up an item box heading ar**

Today’s menu at Takabe’s secret lab: Mult
The surface is handled through environme
coming out with rather old looking CG qua

impressive that it even renders on the act

98/11/26 (Thursday)

Had an interview with a French magazine.
skilled at Japanese, so I didn’t need Scott’
took memos instead of taping, but it seem
quite getting the slight nuances. He was h
liked French movies and Enki Bilal. So I gu

With help from the sound team, I had him
voice acting. It was Wolf’s death scene. He
with what a realistic performance it was. F
after he listened to it, he kept saying “con
and over. He had found out from some art
and so went to the trouble of bringing som
way from France. I’m grateful.

I added in more on the Arsenal Gear’s bac
goals, etc. I bought a pearl blue and pearl

lot of interruptions today and didn’t make
plans.

As for Takabe’s secret lab, with things go
German translation, we took a break toda

I miss him…

-98/11/27 (Friday)

It’s DC’s release date.

I worked on Solidus’ character backgroun
want to make Solidus evil, so I’ll include a
called the Patriots who are gnawing away
in the shadows.

I realized today that I was mistaken on the
“Solidus”. Checking with Okaji (possibly N
apparently it means a state that is neither

changed the image lines. A curve showing
and composition of the solid phase, is app
solidus line.

Just before going home, I took a look at DC
thought it seemed interesting. The backgr
camerawork weren’t the best, but it would
they made it properly. Ifukube’s music was

The third stage was in Umeda, Osaka. I sa
buildings of Umeda like the Hankyu, Hansh
buildings be destroyed by Godzilla. I want
Shinkawa?) to destroy KCE Osaka, but he
building. At least he destroyed Osaka Kona

-98/12/1 (Tuesday)

I read an article about 25th Chief of Naval
Boorda, promoter of the arsenal ship conc
Review.” It seems he was a true example

dream among the Navy's elite officers, ha
ranks as a sailor. The idea of an arsenal sh
only he could have thought of. If arsenal s
Navy would lose its role. It was seen as an
thinking against the spirit of the Navy as w
received a lot of attacks from elite officers
and submariners. In MGS2, I'll set it that t
over the plan for the arsenal ship.

I began preparations for tomorrow's PS2 c
arranged the desks in the seminar room, a
asked Ku-chan (possibly Kumi Sato) to ma
where the bathrooms and vending machin
like something you'd pay tuition for.

In total, it seems there will be about 20 pe
session. Good work everyone.

It took most of a day to put the VTR for th

8mm. I separate one processing video by
loop video in between. Takabe is supposed
explanations.

Held a rehearsal at the seminar room in th
screen was dark, so we did it with the ligh
screen made things impactful, but since it
video, you can’t really tell anything about

I used Okaji (Okamura?) as a test to see w
person’s reaction would be. He was natura
seeing 450 Snakes all at once. I’m still unc
it to the MGS2 staff tomorrow. If it is tomo
to show it to other KCE.

**I want to ask Kyle Cooper to do the in
Eraser, Mission Impossible, and Twist
all Kyle’s style. I’ve gotten more appr
talent. I want to get him to do it no m
takes.**

Kyle was born in August 1963, the sa
year as me. We’re the same sign, the
email, phone number, and address of Ima
company Kyle created, were in the materi
chan. I’ll reach out around New Year’s.

I want to attempt the first real time title s
industry, but if that’s impossible then I’m
I’m already picturing Kyle style intros in m
really want to try is real time opening cred
it’s possible, but I have ideas.

98/12/2 (Wednesday)

The main MGS2 staff members gathered i
at 10:30 and we held the preparations for
session. This was the first time the PS2 wa
members. Takabe’s explanation and the cu
on video finished in 15 minutes. When I as
thoughts, they weren’t all that shocked. Ju
number of polygons was a lot higher than

DC. It must be that they had high expecta
not seen much of the PS2, I overestimated
According to Uehara, it’s a great piece of l
Toyota) was happy with it. Yeah, looking fo
go.

We held the PS2 debriefing session at 2:0
things up right until start time to have a v
gears and 5 Snakes ready. When the meta
legs, you get a real sense of their size. I fe
pretty good.

As expected, it was all people I didn’t kno
session started 5 minutes late.

Uehara gave a relaxed explanation of the
matter how many times I hear it I still don
it. The response from the attendees was r
reason. If this was a class at school, they’

been sleeping. It felt like they had shown
place. Maybe they’re not suited for this in

We then entered an explanation using vid
explanation on GS (graphic synthesizers).
turned off, and the video began. The SCE
appeared…. “Damn, they’re not going for
It obviously failed to pull them in….

The sight of 450 Snakes got a few gasps f
it wasn’t as much of a reaction as I though
the video finished, we had people break in
enter the secret lab and see videos on the

Having them view the actual machine indi
to be ineffective, so we made a change of
Q&A.

Uehara politely answered questions. I had
was talking about. He smiled as he talked

expressions and number directives, but I h
about it was interesting.

I got an email from Scott that MGS had be
official PlayStation magazine for “game of
What about Zelda?”, I thought, before rem
was the PlayStation magazine.

An American comic magazine that Shin-ch
included an ad for MGS action figures by M
Apparently they release February next yea

Yoshiike (Hiroaki) borrowed the movie “Ey
had told him mostly jokingly to watch it be
it looks like he actually borrowed it. It’s a l
was intensely scary when I saw it as a kid.

98/12/4 (Friday)

Wrote some concept documents for Z.O.E.
the afternoon, I had a meeting with Okam
direction to take with it.

After finishing up with Z.O.E., I finally part
meeting of Integral VR. It was already arou
progressed from sneaking to weapon to ac
The weapon mode was interesting. Shooti
enemies will be a fundamental part of the
Nikita’s 1st person screen made me becor
the 3D. I left out a few aspects of the spec
quits for today. There aren’t any real probl
stages, but we need to pay attention to ca
and other adjustments.

I swam at the sports club. Since it was Fric

-98/12/6 (Sunday)

I went to the Akihabara transportation mu

We saw a model of the world’s largest tan
museum’s 3rd floor. I imagined it was the
tried to picture Snake moving around it. It
difficult to board the tanker from the wate
That’s something visible just looking at th
hide in a container of some sort, but that
Snake’s style. It might also be impossible
parachuting onto the deck during a storm

-98/12/7 (Monday)

Saw Velvet Goldmine with Muraoka at Cin
gross. I think young people will watch this
mistaken impression that Glam rock is gay
McGregor’s Iggy Pop was too fat.

-98/12/8 (Tuesday)

Evaluated the remaining VR stages (speci
The staff poorly reviewed the Yamashita s
considered one. The issue isn’t the puzzle
answer is ambiguous and unclear. I want t
puzzles that test intellect over technique.
specs for the VR disc.

Mineshi made the backgrounds for the nir
evaluation is tomorrow, so we mostly focu
result, I didn’t get anything done on the M

A model of Mei Ling displays in the surviv
mode. She didn’t look very lifelike, so I ha
environmental mapping on her eye balls.
expectations were all that high….

This is good!! Although they look a bit like

ray of hope has dawned for her. This deco
good. She doesn’t look all that human, bu
kind of life. If we tweak the environmental
blend a bit more, we might get some good
if I feel like it, I’ll have them make the bott
separate model and have it environmenta
succeeds, her lips will be as gleaming and
something out of a makeup commercial. I
environmentally mapped in MGS2. The life
from it’s eyes and mouth.

We entered in Okaji’s (Okamura?) eyeball
Mei Ling’s eyes moved strangely. Next we
direct her gaze alongside motion data. Ha
her motion to an extent and directing the
cutscenes might be good. Making those cu
probably be a pain though.

I want enemy soldiers to act when they se
and equipment. I’m also thinking of event

proceed based on where their partners are

I wondered about what makes things look
with skin and clothes, their materials and
so they reflect differently than in the real
reflectance ratio is different. Furthermore,
light. Essentially, in nature, things look dif
their color and material. That’s not what h
CG. No matter how much you put into text
and buttons all reflect the same. That’s wh
paper model kits. You can turn the shootin
individual pieces, but really it’s not a matt
slight variations in reflectance ratio that y
say that to programmers, no one has a go

There was one other topic today: displayin
simulating them physically or creating a te
on it and morphing it. Toray Industries is d
simulator for use in designing clothing tha

fabric will wrinkle and flow. But of course,

It appears Synergy Interactive went bankr
article about it in a newspaper column. I w
Synergy was a leader in multimedia back
and 3DO.

I swam at the sports club. “Massachusetts
was playing.

-98/12/9 (Wednesday)

I wrote the VR specification documents. A
polygon cutscene using models and anima
photography mode.

I used the PS2 photography mode Mei Lin
resolution and pretty. Her bangs look like

nothing surprising. If the textures are too
tough to add in details. There’s no bump m
the hardware, so details need to be made
using light to create shadows may be effe
employ a lighting specialist. The PS2 is all
modelling. There’s no taking shortcuts wit

-98/12/10 (Thursday)

Mouri (Meijin Mouri) came to the company
his participation on MGS2. I’d like him to w
somehow, but since Metal is ultimately a “
prepare the story here. With MGS2 being a
ties in with the gameplay. It’s not somethi
someone else. We’ll have Mouri as an adv
the last one. He’ll check major contents lik
backgrounds, and direct enemy soldier str
use Mouri’s personal connections to help g
information.

It seems that since the release of MGS, Mo

deluge of offers from the gaming industry
asking him to handle the stories.

I emphasized to Mouri again that this will
shallow involvement. It’s an extremely ha
he seems happy to take it on. Once the ou
takes shape around March, we’ll negotiate
things, and exchange opinions again.

The pocket station was delivered to the co
morning.

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I had just heard the news that the release
from December 23rd to the end of January
it’s extremely cute and cool. It’s a fantasti
had much interest in it until now, but seei
me want one for the first time. Regardless

the design is enough to get me to buy one
on the inside, and feels high quality. It cou
item. It wouldn’t look weird if girls wore it

Messing around with it, I was flooded with
That’s just what the pocket station does to
holding it and looking at it is fun. The gene
uses infrared unlike previous game consol
possibilities. **I urgently wrote up some**
station version of Integral. We went w
as initially planned. It’s programmed
I’ll have Okaji (Okamura) handle it. Th
done by graphic artist Nakamura.

I want to make a few of the events I t
using the pocket station like a stamp
event a reality.

Won an excellence award in digital art/inte
the 2nd Media Arts Festival held by the Ag
Affairs.

Received an unofficial announcement of th
operations department. At first, I mistaken
the grand prize, but checking the email ca
an excellence award. The grand prize is pr
Zelda.

Got Mei-Ling to properly show up on PS2.
properly, but there’s nothing to say. It’s ju
It looks like a computer game. It will be to
cutscenes at that quality. I’ll have to think

-98/12/11 (Friday)

Began advanced processing for programm
blinking, eye balls, and environmental ma
were too striking on her jaw line. I had the

blurring effects. It looked so-so. With too m
screen starts to look like it’s in soft focus.
also stood out, so I had them put bones in
the polygons split when the neck twisted a
At any rate, we’ll see how it goes with the
from there.

Shin-chan (Shinkawa) will start designing
this month. I’ll also have Mizupin (Mizutan
(Sasaki) make their own models of Snake

Saw Snake Eyes at Buena Vista in Roppon
Palma movie since Raising Cain. I just don
the red stone embedded in the pillar at th
but be intrigued, but I don’t feel like watch

There was an article about MGS in US Toda
review. It also ranked 2nd in a poll of “wha
for Christmas” in the American market. 1s

Swam at the sports club. It was empty. Fri
time. A nostalgic song by Christopher Cros

**I saw the 4th episode of the NHK spe
Revolution”. It seems they developed
market using artificial AI traders at th
near the Los Alamos lab. It was made
Holland and Brian Arthur. It simulates
like an earthquake predictor. It’s calle
artificial market. I’ll include it in MGS
Solidus use it to predict the destructi
I’ll also add in an episode where Otac
virtual simulation to get rich trading.**

-98/12/14 (Monday)

Officially ordered the Z.O.E. mecha design
(Shinkawa). Will use the mecha settings h

doujinshi back when he was a student. Fo
to see the silhouettes, so I ordered stand i
They’re designs from over 6 years ago. I r
believe the six-year time lag will work out
like with fashion.

Added a face to the head portion of the pr
really started to look like Devilman. Will sa
Gave skulls to the enemy mechs. **The coc
in the waist, so I named them “dick s
that they get erect when using specia
to be slang in this world to say “aim f
dick!”** And when robots stay out in space
space ship worms and Martian barnacles f
parasites. Every time the robots move, wo
from the colony. It seems with me and Shi
game is taking a different direction. Howe
breathed some new life into it. I made som
application documents for Z.O.E.

Got sent a box of MGS trading cards. Ther
for the whole staff, so I did a raffle. Even s
one pack of die cut, but I guess that rarity
valuable.

Fixed Mei-Ling’s neck. Also did environme
bottom lip. It looks just as good as I thoug

-98/12/17 (Thursday)

When I turned on the TV at 7 AM, I saw ne
US were air striking Iraq. America’s respon
nuclear inspections was use of military for
do not have international consensus. It ap
went on for 6 hours. They showed footage
receiving medical treatment in a crater cr
strikes in Baghdad.

I was extremely shocked. I remember the
at work when I saw the news that air strik

commencing. It was the first story that mo
taken with night vision filming. I felt extre
gloomy. Is war unavoidable? The same thi
What is the UN even doing?

What will the scope of this war be? Will it
time? That concerns me. Clinton intends t
Hussein.

If the conflict expands, and turns into a pr
have to call off the plans for MGS2. It will
memories. I'll need to change the plot of M
even the slightest offence, since the conte
touchy.

Will put doubts of metal gear being develo
near future of the 21st century at the fore
request an inspection, but Iraq denies it, a
arrives to conduct a coercive inspection, t
hostage by Iraq. The story begins with bui
between Iraq and America. Rather than be
just the facts as they are. If it happens in

its value as fiction and entertainment. If a
fell down to Earth, then no one would go s
Armageddon. From an ethical perspective
to poke fun at current events in a video ga
that doesn’t work if there isn’t peace in th

The naming of Operation Desert Fox also r
MGS. There are rumors of stealth and infil
well. I feel exceedingly unhappy and regre

Received a box of the real MGS trading ca
every day.

-98/12/18 (Friday)

Second day of airstrikes on Iraq. The scale
expanding.

It appears a South Korean ship sunk a sma
submersible. Just what was it doing in Sou
Was it in the middle of a special mission?

The MGS team held a special lecture at KC
Mizutani, Muraoka, and I participated. Eve
set up at the venue when we arrived at th
Mori Building. There was seating for 100 p
broadcast to people elsewhere, and anoth
couldn’t fit in listening from outside. I beg
the staff and then showing a video of Mei-
animations to grab attention. There wasn’
From there came Uehara, then Mizutani, t
lecturing for 20 minutes each. Then we di
Q&A. I think it went alright.

Got Sonic delivered from Naka from SEGA
made it in time for release. Amazing, ama

Immediately started playing with everyon

Swam at the sports club. With it being the

everyone is off doing end of year parties o
the weekend, so it was the emptiest it's ev
(flip turn only) all to myself. The lanes nex
too.

-98/12/21 (Monday)

Caught a cold for the first time in half a ye
My head hurts. My body feels sluggish.

I thought about going to the hospital, but
checkup must have been in March. With it
year ago, I'd need to show my insurance c
bring it today, so I just took some Pabron S

I'm the type that tends to catch a cold as
but I hadn't caught a cold this last half yea
other illnesses and stomach pain. Thinking
the stress from MGS.

Had a discussion with Okamura on the plo

drinking in Ebisu with Matsuno. While we l
perspectives, we shared the same stress c
and struggles of being both a developer a

We drank good alcohol. Before I realized it
and 2 glasses of wine.

-98/12/24 (Thursday)

It’s Christmas eve. We finished Christmas
yesterday, so didn’t really have anything g
at work, just like every year, there was so
enough, someone scribbled in their daily r
this time of year, I just wish everyone wou
the clothing the women were wearing, it c
had a date planned today. They must not
entertainment industry of making other pe
themselves.

Wrote up the main things that needed tes

want to bridge the gap between the Europ
Integral and make progress on testing. Th
pleasure or excitement than when I'm thir
want to start testing right away. When thir
DOOM 1st person POV was in Integral, I th
1st person attacks could be a main point o

Merry Christmas…

-99/1/7 (Thursday)

My first diary in 2 weeks. I was busy from
the start of the new year, so didn't really l
when I got home at night. That's the terrif
habits, how you skip them once then find
them the next day too. Before I knew it, I'
without writing. That's dangerous, that's o
rate I'll end up quitting the diary all togeth

Went back to the MGS2 plans for the first
months. It had been so long I'd forgotten t

Worked on working in the boss battles and
settings. Recently I'd been worrying that I
too old, but ideas and visuals came to me
Especially with the boss battle (rough) ide
writing. My vision is expanding. It's so fun
myself. For the first time in a while, I felt c
talent. Looks like I've still got it.

However, there are so many characters, a
was too complex, so I need to revise and s
I think that games don't need complicated
at the expectations of players of the last g
the story was part of MGS's appeal. I myse
understand it. But when I read opinions or
was good" and "I want my expectations to
subverted next time", it encouraged me th
elements would be necessary.

I might cancel the boss character "Old Ma

tomorrow and strike a balance with the pr

On the way home, I felt that I really want t
ninja. There are at least 3 characters from
players will project the female ninja to be,
Wolf. No matter which ninja appears, the s
none of them feel right. It would be too bi
the main story. At first I thought of having
reinforced build appear, but visually, a fer
pronounced breasts is better.

My conclusion today is of those 3, I'll look
them. Maybe I'll have a ninja appear and l
of S3. That will bring her close to an envir
experienced. I'll use all 3 voice actresses,
scene to scene using digital tricks.

Saw the Magic Polynesian Show in Ho
combined ancient fire walking with m

modern take on Polynesian Show.

It’s what you’d expect from the land
America. As soon as I saw that magic
add in a genderless magician boss ch
bring out an empty box, cover it in cl
when they take it away again, amazin
come bustling out from inside.

I pitched the idea to a few staff, but t
go for it.

Bought a copy of “Yuriika” for the first tim
mainly a special feature on Paul Auster. Th
pretty in depth. I’ll need to read “The Lock
Made Raiden’s real name Fanshawe.
the name Quinn, the main character
somewhere as well.

Mizupin showed me his latest human mod

composition, waist composition, and toes
improved. Now we just need to figure out
hair.

The flu is spreading around the office quit
chan hasn’t been to work since New Year’s
too, so I bought some liquid cold medicine
and took it. I went home early.

-99/1/11 (Monday)

Today I wrote a contribution for Game Crit
and De Palma”. It had already been a few
the movie, so I didn’t remember what hap
Well, I saw it a 2nd time on a plane aroun
year, so it wasn’t so bad. There’s nothing
you forget what you were about to write. U
been able to write any good contributions
this year. Hardly a sign of good things to c

fortune I pulled with my son yesterday for
luck for parent and child”, wasn’t all that c
Could be a bad omen.

As for Old Man, who I’ve been thinking of
brought me reference materials for his set
The contents are quite dense, so I can’t re
but there were some interesting parts. Bri
when doing an attack (Valkyries) is probab
ethically. Maybe I bring back Old Man?

Shin chan came back to work for the first
counting on you Yoji Shinkawa, discipline y
harder!!

Handed over the MGS2 drafts and charact
with the Z.O.E. stuff. Had all the rough dra
in a file. Had a meeting with Mizupin at th
researching the designs for MGS2. At any

decide on the direction before the CPU co
decide if we’re going with Shin-chan’s tou
Johnny’s touch. I don’t want it to be drawi
but using the materials as is and making u
I want to make the faces flat then use sha
depth. I’m aiming for something that’s an
from current CG rendering.

My cold came back. Bought some kakonar
and took 2. My face had a bad color to it,
register gave me some powdered vitamin

Bought a rail pass on the way home. It’s g
so up until 4/10. Whenever I buy these pa
envision the expiration date and imagine
happening around then. Will development
will I still be at the company, will I still be
that. Mineshi had a copy of Paul Auster’s
Music of Chance” on his desk.

When I asked what was up with that, he sa
ever, that he bought it because he like the
cover. When I asked if it was interesting, h
read it. So he just wanted the cover and b
decoration without reading it? Won’t Paul

I read the Yuriika January issue on Paul Au
have no knowledge of modern American li
understand most of it. I must be a hopeles

-99/1/12 (Tuesday)

Supplemented the MGS2 plans and Fortun
battle. Matsuhana began working on a sur
and equipment (based on camp records).

It seems things are somehow going well w
character settings. He worked on Fortune
need to worry.

Had Kume chan buy Half Life, an EDG
game of the year, as reference for MC
distinctive gameplay, and attention t
astonishing. I felt like “I’d been outd
Americans!” More than anything else
atmosphere to it, exquisite real time
you can really feel the creator’s soul
scene with the accident in the lab ga
goosebumps. Major Japanese games
kind of soul. While not a strikingly innov
attention to detail, animation, and gimmic
enough to carry the gaming world. There
objects, bullet holes left, and when you dr
into the river it floats. **Even the cutscen**
level of freedom, and if I were to mak
interactive, this is what I’d point to. I
won’t work for a game as story centri

Half Life also has a hazard course training
that originally started with Tomb Raider, b
apparently become mostly standard on PC

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I had thought of not doing a VR mode in M
really sure.

Swam at the sports club. Because I caugh
after 5 laps. Even still I was tired.

-99/1/13 (Wednesday)

Another industry first, another new s
This one must be patented.

I'd been bothered up until now on ho
non-interactive time with polygonal c
was the biggest obstacle and problem

game and story. In the case of MGS2,
complex story structure, "the real-tim
Life' would not convey the plot to the
I came up with the idea of a split-scre
cutscene. At some point during the g
will split, with one screen representin
polygon cutscene and the other scree
game as before. The split can be up a
and right as needed. This method of se
used to explain all the simultaneous event
foreshadowing that the main character isn
like “……meanwhile at X place….”. Especi
demolition scenes where three people are
same time, the sense of realism is sure to
use of this method. It is also flexible and c
the story by displaying it on the screen. M
thing I went and saw “Snake Eyes.”

Changed the background for the old s

already other hard to understand cha
make him fairly straightforward. Can
terrorist angle and make him a desk-
used to be a bomb disposal advisor fo
wasn’t a terrorist, but made a mistak
bomb more than a decade ago, and re
it. I’ll make this character Ed from Po
Especially since I want to see Iizuka k

For the first time in a while, got back to te
was character testing. The idea is to rende
like rendering on the actual console. The l
painted in solid color below a certain valu
reality, the model is actually drawn twice,
calculations are required. The goal is to ac
similar to that of an animation cell, and ul
something like BD or Shinkawa’s illustratio
with Mei-Ling, but things looked quite roug
angle. However, we succeeded in making

parts of the body look very cellular. This is
the texture of the legs is quite flat. Smoot
to the lighted areas. Now we try layering r
highlight areas are painted solid white and
Next, we put the shadows in at the 2nd st
area slightly to show them off. It gave off
effect. I suppose we could have applied ar
doesn’t look like it would work with this ap
so-so, but it's only the first day. However,
times as much processing as a normal pol

What will happen if we add screen division
processing, real-time shading, etc…..

-99/1/18 (Monday)

Mizupin showed me his work on integratin
into models. It looked pretty workable. It r
toon shading we did the other day too.

-99/1/19 (Tuesday)

Environmentally mapped shadows appear
Snake. Nothing surprising,, but it looks like
workable with some ingenuity. However, T
means as impactful as it looks. The bound
is also covered with anti-aliasing. We tried
a flat texture. Had problems with the shad
polygons. Will have them think about how

Got approval on the French version of SCE
Italian version left. 770,000 copies just be
German, and French releases. Add in the I
release and we accomplish our goal of 3,0
Spanish version is just a bonus. I’m happy
recognition from players around the world

Swam at the sports club. Felt like I had a c
5 laps.

-99/1/20 (Wednesday)

**Another industry first. The name is al
first: the "real-time reveal" system. T
attempt to present the grand finale o
time, with all the reveal sequences ta
the guns pointed at each other. In MG
tense situation familiar from Tarantin
Lam's films in which three or more ch
their guns pointed at each other, no o
the characters are in a state of flux. E
are revealed as they keep their guns
other, new characters join in, and peo
they’re pointing their guns at. A new
that “Snake was actually an enemy…
change who they’re aiming at. Then S
“you’ve got the wrong guy. I (Snake)**

like the enemy. It’s all a ploy by Solid everyone to change sides again. Thin forth between Solidus, Ocelot, Snake and Sergey, with it shifting who each their gun at (their number 1 enemy). in real time. The player keeps the we pressed (with their gun pointed) and game unfold. Once the player holds t cannot release the button until the e During this time, the player can chan point their gun or adjust the prospect attack. Flashback scenes would be do mode. I wonder how it will turn out.

Will use FOXDIE again to disintegrate Intelligence (Patriots) within the Arse code will be cloaked by her heartbeat PAL can be input when her heart stop would use truth serum to get this info

Emma. This is why he intentionally le

Production shipments of MGS: 756,000 un
million in America, 770,000 in Europe (jus
France). Still short of the 3 million mark.

**I dropped by a CD shop with Muraoka
best of OMD. In fact, we had originall
OMD's hit song "Enola Gay" as the en
last game. I remember Muraoka stop
"none of the kids these days know ab
obscure song."**

This morning, I listened to the best of the
time in a while, and it almost brought tear
it's just my age getting the better of me. I
Billy Joel next.

-99/1/21 (Thursday)

Half-Life is well done. It has quite impressi
is the gimmicky details and the crazy Ame
make it so appealing. In the scene I saw to
gun can be attached to one hand, and an
(insect-shaped alien itself) bio-bomb can b
weapon. It is effective against enemies, bu
careful, it will harm the player. The animat
bio-bomb is cool too. It is not so much I ha
I have respect for the good sense of the g
really Japanese games like this. It’s a good
as a Western game.

Somehow, even by current global standar
MGS2 needs to be greater than that of its
current plan is quite rich in volume. This ti
deadline for the release date has been set
even more so than with the new hardware
a balance between volume and production

Will make it possible to select the mis
be completed mid-game and make th
Snake and Raiden will run concurrent
want to do this, but there’s no denyin
trend in today's game market. Instea
player decides which mission to go on
other will automatically be done by S

Changed the name of Old Man to Old Boy.
apparently means not only a cunning old

Swam at the sports club. Finished really e
Impact" is so interesting. I think I'm going
Stephen Hunter for a while. On the way ho
of "Dirty White Boys" at a bookstore in fro

-99/1/25 (Monday)

It is now 1:30 at night. The last train had a

I came home on a different line. I'm glad t
Still, all these drinking partings are taking
intestines are in bad shape.

Mizupin is having a hard time rendering Sl
We'll have to wait and see how things go f
From how things went today, though, it do
promising. I guess we'll have to go with or
there’s no way that will succeed.

Bought Jack Finney's "From Time to Time".
at the bookstore. When I told him about th
immediately went to buy it. It’s easy to ta
same generation. I thought I couldn't ever
"Back to the Beginning." I remembered ho
through “Time and Again.”

Added the setting for Old Boy and my

fight. Old Boy's attack method chang
the weapon used by the player. Progr
balance will be difficult.

The first draft of "The Truth about Sh
been completed. Ah! All that’s left is
additional elements and foreshadowi
about 300 pages of manuscript paper
how to make people that don't like to
nowadays to read it.

Went to Ebisu for a New Year's party with
the rest.

Members attending were President Yoshio
Okamura. It was a restaurant serving delic
sashimi was delicious. Hattori drank a lot
intoxicated. Then, as is tradition, we went
listened to “Fantasy" by Earth, Wind & Fire

song. The karaoke was kind of boring.

The theme from "Titanic" at the end was g

-99/1/26 (Tuesday)

I was so tired today. I’ve had a severe stor
yesterday, but it reached its peak today. I
top of that, I had terrible diarrhea this mor
second consecutive day it’s been like this.
black stool after I’ve had red wine. I wond
something to do with it.

Had Mizupin show me an experimental cu
chan's touch to it. There are still some unc
the potential is coming into view.

Will make the arsenal gear into a gian
challenge is how to make it look big w
cartoonish. Changed the last part to s
boat and to make the turtle go out of
for Manhattan.

-99/1/27 (Wednesday)

Johnny began his second round of tests on
Snake. He's putting teeth in Snake's mout

Got the second batch of Shin-chan's rough
Vampire is now a hairy man instead of a n
should we do?

-99/1/28 (Thursday)

Converted the rest of the character backg
Updated all the WORD documents made s

finish all of the character settings by the e
Next month, I have to write a MGS propos

Watched the ending of Half-Life. It wa
watching a movie. The ending is incre
designs, animation, and coloring are so....
the animation of the spider "ball sack" (as
physiologically quite disgusting, similar to
Classroom". I wonder what kind of life the
this live.

The last boss was a giant fetus. I can't hav
character as a boss enemy anymore now
but there’s no mistaking it made for great
and the presentation were superb, and the
presented not in a cutscene but in real tim
The last part was also unique. I would like
developer who created this game.

Skipped the sports club today. I have a co
precautions.

-99/1/29 (Friday)

Went to take a peek at a conference hoste
The Garden Hall. Enter the lobby. Ton of pe
because it was free admission?

Well, it was interesting to hear the preside
Pictures talk.

“You can't do the same thing as other peo
on quality, you won't stand out.” It’s an ob
but it applies to the current direction of M

-99/2/1 (Monday)

The Mac I have at home won’t turn on. I ca
It’s dead. The SadMac icon appeared. It’s
it. Trying to hard kill it causes a warning sc

heard before.

Nothing to be done, I’ll bring it to work.....

Bought an illustrated screenplay of Titanic
amazing. As usual, the BTS and his comm
interesting than the movie itself. **Since th**
character’s name is coincidentally als
his girlfriend Rose.

Secondly, I’ll make Snake’s alias be P
probably best to joke around here.

Changed Colonel Gurlukovich to a female
need another love interest besides the gir

Which is why I’ve decided to add in the Co
She’s a spy for the Patriots, so she’s an al
make a situation where no matter what, s
to fight in front of Solidus. Asked Scott abo
should be, and went with Olga Gurlukovich

came from an actual staff member at

Changed the girlfriend’s role. Instead over radio, I’ll have her be a hostage. save her, but it will be a gothic roman cross paths at every turn.

Bought an English slang dictionary and loo name for Dead Cell. Will use a different ex “taboo” in the American version.

-99/2/2 (Tuesday)

The SadMac (crying face) message appea Mac, so I gave up and brought it to the off heavy. I asked Kume-chan to take a look a morning, and to my surprise, it was workin have been fixed by some kind of shock on When I said that was ridiculous, he answe "That's just how Macs are.” Well, it's heav

it home again. Since I brought it, I'll have
new version of MS-WORD.

I wrote a draft for Metal Gear GBC. Althou
thin one just outlining the concept. I could
many ideas. I only added supplemental fe
there, but nothing that would be a core co

I spent the evening completing the Tateba
"Drama Series Vol. 3: Tabidachi no Uta. Th
collection of letters are not the most excit
was quite good. This character does not h
as the other characters. This may be the f
Tokimemo character that I can tolerate. I t
her will cry. I guess it wasn't as bad as I ha
have MGS2 coming up, I don't have time t
production as I did with "Nijiiro".

I bought a history book on New York. For s
York seems to be having a surge in popula
there are a ton of tourists. Of course, it se
among Japanese as well.

Decided on a pseudonym for Snake. I
which means poisonous snake in Algo
language of the natives who originall
Manhattan.

MGS2 will be a serious portrayal of "Ameri
the history of New York, which is also the l
will do some studying before going to New
finding.

Scott brought us the European product ve
packaging, instruction manual, etc. are in
pretty good! Europe! Currently, 870,000 c
ordered.

Finally saw the ending of Hybrid Heaven. I
that by the end the staff were crowded in
game must have some kind of allure to it.
about it. You couldn’t save in the leadup t
seemed to have a lot of trouble with the g
game was like a Hollywood movie. The Pre
taste.

Tomorrow is expected to be a heavy snow

-99/2/8 (Monday)

It's been a while since I've written in this
parties and a business trip to Kobe. I stop
really been slacking off for a while.

Mizupin showed me his facial animation t
easy to do eye blinking, lip synching, and

Went to KCET to look at PS2 CPUs. They w
the desk in a huge white box.

Uehara read through the thick manuals (4
they were interesting. When I asked him if
interesting, he replied that "yes, they are"
read, entirely absorbed in them. I really do
engineers.

I got 1 more PS2 graphics board from CS a
The cab ride home was not as tense as the
was easy going. Now I have three graphics
call them by the code names, "Naoto Kirih
but now that I have three boards, I'll call t
and "Miki".

-99/2/9 (Tuesday)

Wrote specifications for Snake Support. A

off in the middle is a good thing, but if it b
that it’s only there because the creator wa
twice, then it’s all over. Must be careful no

It turned out that Johnny had been workin
cell-like texture models on the actual cons
that business trip. When I went to ask him
them, he said they were no good. The mo
be redesigned with more polygons to mak
Things aren’t looking promising, It doesn’t
succeed. We may have to remove it from
Will try again with a new vamp model.

I am not sure if anyone has tried real-time
but I am confident that it will be a commo
near future. I am personally convinced tha
become commonplace in the future. Even
progressing, at this rate, other companies
thing before we release, and if that happe

still need a new visual approach that isn’t
trick. We need to stay a step ahead of eve

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Shin-chan is finishing up color images of R
reason, they are starting to look like Amar
chan's drawings have become much bette
started working here. However, looking cl
have artistic skill, his pictures don’t give o
the ones he did as a newcomer. What I am
him is not a but his unique ideas and style
he drew a doodle of Captain Underpants.

Will be traveling to Europe from March 5th
10th. Plan to go around London and Frank
950,000 units sold. U.S. sales are at 1,470

Dirty White Boys was interesting. Ste
great man. He makes me really want
character to MGS2 who grew up in th
to start reading Black Light tomorrow. I've
bookstores looking for his past works, but
anywhere.

Was supposed to go to the pool today, but
home early, so I skipped it. Got home befo
son awake. It is wonderful to see him ever

-99/2/10 (Wednesday)

Wrote specifications regarding the enemy
to have a hit box for each body part (head
hands, legs, etc.) so that 1st person attack
strategically. If it works, it will be another

At Sonoyama's station, they got the e

person perspective to work. The curr
you move around. This would be no d
Life. I gave it a try, and found that it
difficult to hit the head or heart in 1s
have to get very close to get any accu
close to the feeling of shooting for re

At Okaji's (Okamura?) station, I saw "Title
Nakamura. It is hard to believe that it is w
He was a pixel craftsman before he was a

-99/2/11 (Thursday)

Today is National Foundation Day. I woke u
had no idea what day it was, but my son t
asked him how he knew, he showed me a
said “National Foundation Day”. Pretty use
toy.

The next three astronauts were chosen. I w
the press conference at NASA. The one wh
second female astronaut is a beautiful and

Whenever I see this kind of news, I always
jealousy. It is probably because I want to g

There are three things that make me jealo
going to space, people that aren’t director
personalities, novelists) making movies, a
art books even though they aren’t good at
hold solo exhibitions……..

-99/2/12 (Friday)

When I asked our staff members first thing
most of them said that they had bought "H
playing it for about 10 hours. Many of them
gotten to the end of disc 1. They were also
their lunch break.

Raiden's suit is now a skeletal suit, which
idea. Since in the previous game it was a
just right. We call it the skull suit. Shin-cha
help me out.

Didn’t get anything done on MGS2 today e
schedule meeting at 11:00 a.m. and a CS
(headquarters) in the afternoon. It’s alread
the last one. This time, KCE Osaka and KC
connected via video broadcast from the Pl
Osaka. This was my first ever official video
mocked the idea of a video conference a b
out pretty well. I didn't feel the distance b
plenty sufficient for a report-oriented mee
this were to be expanded to a 3-way broad
like the aspirational science fiction films o

-99/2/15 (Monday)

Wrote specifications for player bleeding ar
attacks. Had Sonoyama start testing on 1
on the PS system. It’s pretty fun. However
sense of speed. Running and stopping, air
shooting ..... would become the core of M
visuals slightly. The problem is how to set
how much of an advantage will 1st person
player? Or will it be a disadvantage?

I didn’t expect the FA-MAS tracers to be ef
to see bullet trajectory in 3D, but using tra
incredibly easy to follow. There’s no mista
they’re used in real life too.

I talked about making the ending and
Billy Joel's "Glass New York” (You May
Frank Sinatra’s “New York, New York”
The keyword is definitely “New York”
store and bought the best of Billy Joel. I sa

karaoke the other day, so I suddenly want

Fusshi (Tomokazu Fukushima?) wrote a se
FOXDIE. It's themed around prion. It looks
book about prion, which I had been meani
Fusshi's desk. In fact, prion appeared in a
that I planned in 1990 but never realized.
idea that prion would become such a majo

MGS orders in Europe reached 1.02 millio
the worldwide sales to 3.25 million units.
million if we include the Spanish version.
up to 3.5 million?

-99/2/16 (Tuesday)

Wrote the specifications for the enemy so

their three senses, types, behavior, alert r
specifications we are trying to do this time
should be able to create a "new experienc
in gaming history. If we can do this, we wo
storyline. We might even be able to get aw
polygons. It's been a while since I've felt s
own project.

Tentative experiments on individual enem
are now being done at Korepi's (Yuji Korek
have animations of the head, limbs, torso,
the body that were already implemented l
Toyota). When I actually played it, as expe
target. Will make it so the camera zooms i
your arm in 1st person.

Had Mineshi show me the MGS2 experime
They're intentionally drawn with smooth s
the illustration style. It is on an actual PS

only be seen on PS. There is no impact to
try to show the background and character
device after the presentation. You could sa
direction of animated renderings is mostly

Bought the second volume of Black Light.
enemy soldiers, a reference to Bob Lee Sw
classification of causes of death by bullets
reproduce the behavior of the enemy sold
anatomical point of view.

Went to the club for the first time in a wee
was open. I swam slowly at my own pace.
breaststroke on the way back. I wish it wa

-99/2/17 (Wednesday)

No morning meeting because of the AOU s
about 6:40. I had planned to sleep in a bit

woke up at 6:00. I looked to the side and s
also awake. I had no choice but to sing "D
whisper for about 30 minutes.

I was able to confirm that the settings I ha
hits, blood loss, and mortality rates were r
reality. Hirano brought me a copy of a bac
"Military Research”. It described the injury
body parts of U.S. soldiers during the Viet
resulting death rates. When I compared th
project, I found them to be quite consisten
as a battlefield simulator.

The Italian version of SCEE was finally app
Spanish version remains. 750,000 copies i
in North America, and 1,040,000 in Europe

Went to Makuhari for the AOU observation

It’s so far. Horribly far. Moreover, it is as h
took the "Donko" train from Hatchobori, s
45 minutes. I finished reading the first vol
on the train.

It was a good thing that Hatchobori statio
a power outage. The station was barely lit
or so on emergency power. It is rare to ha
experience.

Konami was the top performer at the show
long line for both Guitar Freaks and Drum
relief, relief….

Silent Scope also seemed to be well recei

There were no other standouts. Naomi Bo
for Dead or Alive 2 was well done.

Did a “Okaasan to Issho” photobooth at P
frame with big brother Kentaro in it. I took
to get back to Ebisu.

I saw the new models for arms in 1st pers
station. No textures have been applied ye
the arms, I think it is necessary to have th
firing.

-99/2/18 (Thursday)

Wrote specifications for the radio. Process
time increases the sense of immersion, bu
on the system. If it is not handled properly
become unusable. In order to give priority
the enemy soldiers (surroundings) during
communication, will give up on having fac
person being communicated with.

**I asked around the staff about how if
stop displaying faces on the radios, h
showing Rosemary's face? We would**

imagine Rosemary with only Kikuko I
could imagine her as whatever type t
plan is to have a model of the player'
appear in the last cutscene. The play
would be asked throughout the game
reflected in the end. However, the ch
stand out if we do this. Also, if her vi
presented at the beginning of the ga
that players will be less motivated.

At Korepi's (Yuji Korekado) station, they we
on different body parts. When the enemy
shot in 1st person POV, they are put into a
The enemy soldier cannot move, so it just
the floor. I feel sorry for him, so I shoot hi
him peace……somehow it’s super fun. Bu
a completely different kind of gameplay (c

-99/2/22 (Monday)

I couldn't do any planning today. Tomorrow
the specs involving the camera.

From noon, We went to a private showing
State. It seemed that today was the last d
and there was a long line at Buena Vista.
hour before the screening and found ourse
row.

The plot was decent for a movie by Don S
Bruckheimer. There was only one explosio
plain film. I liked it, but Shin-chan seemed
interesting but difficult film to write about

Went to a bookstore in Jimbocho on the w
Stephen Hunter's old books, such as "The
Midnight," "Tapestry of Spies," and "Secon
weren’t available. I’ve looked in Kobe, Osa
but still can’t find them. They must only b

stores

99/2/23 (Tuesday)

Wrote the specifications for the camera. Ta
programmers about focus, pin, and other
I’m not sure if we can achieve them.

Had them make it zoom the camera only w
in 1st person, but since you then can't see
we have to lie a lot. Make it so only during
have a different scaled arm attach to the c
workload will be tougher. We have to prep
skeletal structure and animation separate

Did voice recording for the giant monster
disc. I went to Muraoka's usual booth (in S
feeling good today for some reason. So ult
and I split the recording duties. Dodongo,

Deabolica, Zetton, Dada, Finger Gelge, all
inspiration. My throat hurt even more. I le
McCammon.

Matsuhana and Shin-chan went to Shinjuk
Plastic models of deep-sea exploration div
sea exploration, and a Harrier (alternative
a book about ships. They didn’t have the
books I had asked for. They asked the stor
plastic model tanker for me. Imai is still m
of tankers for overseas. Apparently they h
series". Hirano immediately peeked throu
ships and made some strange noises.

Bought a new book by Jeffrey Archer.

Got an e-mail from Mori. (Mori Motosada)

He’s a US SOCOM anti-terrorism instructo

Green Beret who was impressed by MGS.
with the next one.

Matsuhana will start taking video for
meeting, using a digicam recording o
station to explain the FOXDIE project
model with nice fingertips.

-99/2/24 (Wednesday)

Went to a preview at Warner Brothers in H
up with Hattori at the Hamamatsucho stat
didn't show up when the time came. We w
at the exit near Warner Brothers. It was w
cold. In addition, it was raining.

Hattori was waiting at the ticket gate on t
should have realized it earlier..... I might
I've been too slow in everything I do these

Had lunch at a restaurant in the station bu
entered the restaurant, I saw only fathers.
and left. Looking at the lunch menu, the s
eye. It comes with soup and salad for 800
just like in Osaka. What's more, dessert is
women! Hamamatsucho is a great place.

It was raining hard, so we took a cab to W

The Negotiator was pretty interesting. Kev
elevated it. However, as with Enemy, it wa
any commentary on. **The trailer of The**
at the beginning of the movie was rea
American comic book style hero story
main character. He was running sidew
He was like Chinaman from MGS2.

On my way home, I went to a CD shop and

"Dango 3 Kyodai". Just as I was about to s
....." at the counter, I saw a flyer for a pre
front of me. I pointed at it and asked if I c
The clerk prepared a reservation form for
knew what I was talking about. I was afrai
"Dango?.....What’s that?”

-99/3/1 (Monday)

PS2 CPU boards finally arrived at the com
and Takabe-chan went to pick up the hard

Immediately got things set up in the P4 ro
character squad. Matsuhana steered the c
came alive for the first time in a while. It's
specula looks good if we use it well.

I read Sato's article in “Nikkei CG”. I see th
ability, guts, and energy. I am sure he will
goes. I am sure he will be fine wherever h

think, "Young guys these days!”, I thought
young people like him out there.

Wrote a contribution for Game Criticism. S
forgotten most of the contents of Enemy c
Negotiator, I couldn't write anything good
with things that weren’t thoughts on the n

-99/3/2 (Tuesday)

In the morning, I prepare a schedule outlin
MGS2. It is already far behind the original

Looked at some pictures of Syphon Filter,
released overseas. Looks like it might hav
shooting.

Just past noon, I headed to the Tokyo Inter

got off at Yurakucho and went straight to t

There seemed to be some other events go
to SCE's stylishly designed signage, I didn
entered the hall, I noticed a lot of foreigne
handed over my invitation letter at the co
inside. There really were a lot of foreigner
the people there were foreigners. They we
translation earphones.

At 2:00 p.m., the "PlayStation Meeting 199
announcer appeared as the hostess, and a
rushing through the 5-year history of the P
project looks back at the 50 million units s
released, and events that took place over
Three cuts of MGS were shown as part of
MGS was Konami’s only representation. Af
then SCE President Tokunaka, Kutaragi app
talked about the next generation PlayStat
was even better than usual. He was so en

explaining the hardware specs and concep
Engine?), he explained some more while s
Mostly cutscenes that were shown at SCE
November. But Penguin Panic got me, it w
than 500 Snakes. Uh oh. The idea of a "sw
something everyone’s come up with.

After that, he passed the baton to Okamot
development environment. Okamoto was
stiff. Then, Kutaragi appeared again. Toda
Tanaka, the technical director, appeared a
experimental teams in order.

First up was SCE. Yamauchi from GT gave
showed us GT, images rendered in advanc
played back on the actual console, much l
been working on. Next was the game. A sl
top of the middle polygon background GT

Next was From Software. Dozens of skelet
against the backdrop of dark castle walls.
animation. When the developer moved a f
(phosphorescent particles) and it hit a ske
crumbled.

Namco. The Tekken models were displaye
backgrounds (city lights and steam) and a

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Then they showed actual gameplay. It was
completion.

Finally, Square. They had footage of the fa
famous old man from FF. They demonstrat
animation and lighting movements. The m
polygons!

Last was FFVIII. A dancing scene. It was l
characters. but it was very well done. The

the hair on their heads, the swaying of the
were the most impressive part. The movie
point are moving on the actual machine. K
across when he said that, “these cutscene
actual console!”

The most impactful part of today's demon
announcement that "PS2 is fully compatib
audience applauded and cheered.

On the way home, I got that copy of "Dan
already had a paper posted saying “sorry,
returning home, I found out in the evening
its first 100,000 copies.

-99/6/1 (Tuesday)

It's been a whole three months since I last
To think I skipped it for so long ..... even f

surprising. The last entry was on March 2n
happened between then and today. Amon
would like to mention a business trip to Eu
finding in New York, and receiving the CES

I want to try resuming this diary.

From about 8:30 in the morning, I connect
homepage. It was the AIBO pre-order day.
because it's a "robot," and after talking to
the other day, I wanted one more and mo
like nothing more than a toy to my wife, b
can walk on its own. I got her to agree tha
long as I didn’t bring it home.

After 9:00 a.m., a change was made to the
my Mac froze, so I had no choice but to co
Matsuhana's terminal and complete the re
had already passed 9:20, but somehow, I

reservation. What a relief. I’ve already de
It's called "Ranman" (glorious). Later, I saw
sold out in about 20 minutes. I completed
after 20 minutes, so it was a close call.

Mori came at 11:00. I asked him to give le
soldier behavior, and movement over the
usual, we made small talk over lunch and

At 6:30 p.m., we had a meeting about the
decided on the contents of the eight comr

-99/6/2 (Wednesday)

Returned to the "MGS2" project for the firs
long time. Worked out the goals and inten
and Solidus. I realized that the plot made
even tell when I wrote these memos. Whe
again, I feel as if they were imagined by s

Nine PS2 tools arrive. We set them up one
with Okaji (Okamura).

At Takabe's station, about 20 vamps were
starts to lag when you have over a hundre
screen. I was astonished!!!

Today, I went to the doctor because I was
doctor, who looked like a student, said, "it
medicine doesn't work...." It was a differen
one in the miniskirt last time. There was n
do, so I just got some inhalations done. My
remained the same.

But the side effect of the medicine I was p
warning labeled "□□” (malicious motive) o
says that "malicious motive" is "a mind th
evil”. I don't think it's right to administer a

such side effects! I wonder if I will not be c
any crimes after taking this drug. (He’s eit
misreading, as □□ also means nausea as w
motive)

“Codeine Phosphate 100x Doses

Cough suppressant

Side effects: Nausea, drowsiness, constipa

May cause dizziness and lightheadedness
operating a motor vehicle or other hazard

Went to the bookstore during lunch break.
second volume of "Brandenburg". I found
Royale" in the new book section. It seems
The display was intense. I could understan

won the "Horror Award Grand Prize," but t
for me to see a display that took advantag
the book had failed to win the award.

Went to Radio Nippon in the evening and
program hosted by Kuroda. There wasn’t a

I coughed a lot during recording, but they
problem. Kuroda and one other host were
was really painful, so painful.....

Recorded four weeks' worth of material wi
what was going on. Finished in about an h
a cab to Akasaka and had a drink at an iza
Sweet Basil with Scott and Hattori. Took th

-99/6/3 (Thursday)

Made a list of MGS2 characters (that need
totaled 35 (including alternative outfits). T
double the number of the previous game.
reconsider the number of people working
team.

I am trying to sort out the main parts of th
such as the goals of Solidus and the Patric
incident, their motives, etc., but it is not g
not so much that it doesn't make sense as
intuitive. It's not clear. The Shadow Moses
sinking, and the Arsenal are not well synch
hindsight, it feels like they’re all jumbled t

Emma is difficult to handle. Furthermore, t
Solidus or the Patriots. And Patriots, who h
are thinly disguised.. At what point in the
suggest that? This is the difficult part. Eve
it would need a considerable amount of po

and radio to make it work. But now there a
many reversals with all the characters and

Is it impossible?? Is this kind of method po
medium of games?

-99/6/7 (Monday)

The project is not progressing at all. We'll
stay overnight to get things done at some

-99/6/8 (Tuesday)

Went to Kyobashi to see Run Lola Run. Arr
before the show. The venue was packed. I
on the stairs. I settled into a folding chair
stairs.

The first half was interesting! German tech
Lola's running, which was fresh from a vis

However, it’s spoiled in the first 30 minute
and the foreshadowing of each character
together. The film felt unfinished.

Decided to write a contribution to Game C
Faculty and A Simple Plan.

I still haven’t stopped coughing.

-99/6/14 (Monday)

Had interviews from morning. First, a prog
dropped out of a doctoral course at Keio U
old. He made a video where he created al
textures, and animation (but it was all bla
of 8 months. He has plenty of ability, sens
was worried about his personality, but I m
completely. He is an impeccably good pers
experience of starting and leaving a comp

with people. His wife serves in the Self De
already passed the test!

From noon, I went to Digital Egg in Tsukiji
of the commercials. After a lot of hard wor
good footage. However, my face is not so
wonder what kind of reaction this commer
the players.

-99/6/15 (Tuesday)

I went to see "The Faculty" at GAGA. It had
by Robert Rodriguez and was interesting a
invasion sci-fi. However, the recent advert
There is a big gap between the content an
marketed. Will address the subject of the
publicity or the screenplay in Game Critici
after I see Simple Plan.

I'm also happy to hear that Austin Powers
Wars in the U.S. I guess Americans are no

In the evening, I went to Digital Egg in Tsu
commercial. Almost finished adding in the
I put in the SE for the jingle. An old man w
sound engineer brought the tape and cue
squeak.

Otsuka entered the studio at 7:00. I misse
(blue colored) are so stylish. I gifted him a
(Snake) and a T-shirt. I also asked him to f
work. I told him “you might get to speak n
which seemed to pique his interest. He wa
the last one sold well.

As usual, Akio Otsuka wanted to do retake
takes his job seriously.

After Otsuka’s superb narration, it was my
expect from an amateur, once we started
nervous and pronounced things weird. I al
Osaka dialect. I tried a bunch of different v
but they used the first take. This isn’t som

Cranked out all 9 commercials.

Ate bento with everyone. Finished after 10
things came out well. My enunciation is be
Got some commercial prints from the staf

-99/6/16 (Wednesday)

Day 1 of Mori's special discussion. Began w
how to hold a gun, stances, etc. This was
looking at books, videos or other materials
easy to understand. It was addictive, and
made me forget about work. Mori's lecture
practiced. He has a good style of making e
actually move their bodies. He also takes

when he gets excited. He says it is becaus
lecturing to foreigners.

He starts explaining the topic of clearing.
dynamic entry. Mori wrote various situatio
board. Then we were divided into teams o
team was to present its own raid strategy.
the event was a verification test in the lob
room. It was all very interesting. This lectu
create a Rainbow Six type game that focu
rather than MGS2.

The day ended with a homework assignm

I received a call from Muranaka, who told
been able to contact Harry Gregson-Willia
he is willing to do it. He is very motivated.
with Muranaka on Friday.

Went to the club for the first time in two w
I did about 5 laps. I weighed in at 64kg.

-99/6/17 (Thursday)

Yesterday's lecture was so interesting that
people to the seminar room. 8 people, ma

Day 2 of Mori's special discussion. First, w
homework airplane raid. I thought there w
people, but was surprised to hear that the
more than 60.

Today, we started from yesterday's direct
onto stealth entry, which is also the main
yesterday, we were in a situation where w
where the enemies were. We took our tim
area thoroughly, without making any nois
movement makes it difficult to move, unli
first step is to clear the corners one by on

demonstrated the "peek-a-boo" technique
top-secret video shown to me by Mori two
actually got mad. He said that I shouldn’t
However, it makes for flourishing animatic
in the game.

Next, he changed the situation to a T junc
or more people. It got more and more com

Then we used the seminar room, receptio
for stealth entry training. We did with terr
inside the rooms. In the case of the Matsu
played the role of the villain. I turned off t
chair in front of the door so that it would r
and waited to ambush them. The Matsuha
distracted by the back of the door, and wa
unaware of me pointing at them from the
were in full view. I waited for about 5 seco
not notice, so, I shot them dead.

To be honest, I knew the terrain and knew
going to attack, so they had no chance. I w
Mori's trap. The door was open, and two e
chatting with each other inside. I was so d
that I could not see another person was w
shadows of the passageway.

When the enemy is a special forces unit th
all kinds of operations, it can be a real me
had a tremendous advantage over the att

Had Korepi show an experimental video of
different from the real thing but does not s
off. It should work with some minor adjust
if the "small window system" and props su
strings are used well, clearing should get a
players. Real clearing is done thoroughly,
make for a game. In other words, we want
atmosphere of clearing as much as possib
are the small tools, the animation, and the

Mori showed me a program on cable TV al
plant. It is very valuable material. For som
Hamill narrated the program.

Went to Jiyugaoka to see a late show of Ho
Men. Was joined by an unusual group of M
and Kirioka. It was a nice theater. I was su
movie. The last scene was so great!!! I lau
my cough came back. It was very moving
made in the same year as 2001: A Space

-99/6/21 (Monday)

Since resuming my diary, I have started w
the office the next morning. Writing a diar
very good for activating the brain, but if I
I can’t draw a clear line between different
Friday’s diaries get delayed. Something to

Sasaki's station has started working with t
can finally produce models on the actual c
guy Mogi (Daisuke Mogi) is doing quite we
Nishiki) is still in training.

There is a dispute on the character backgr
Babel. When I asked Shin-chan and Nakan
the characters created by Fusshi are too in
aren’t able to transfer their emotions onto
said he couldn’t draw them. It is not that t
too intense, but rather, the characters are
Well, it’s less because of Fusshi and more
being boss characters, so it’s not a matter
the wrong. It's just a matter of how to mak
I think about the character setting and the
time, so I don't have any problems. Howev
GBC, the planning and scriptwriting were d
people.

I went home. Watched the NHK Special th
Hollywood's marketing and advertising se
applicable to today's game industry.

-99/6/22 (Tuesday)

The designers went out to visit museums.

-99/6/23 (Wednesday)

The making of the CF is, as expected, goi
Konami JPN due to the lack of budget. I st
compressing the 7 hours of video into 30
compressing the video to about 30 minute
compress it to one-half the original length
Matsuhana to do the main editing. but it w
up being me doing it. The video quality is
off the atmosphere that you’re really there
rejected footage that could not be used in

insert it well. If we have to do this again, w
progress on work.

-99/6/24 (Thursday)

Today is the release date of Integral. I tool
there wasn’t much response.

In the morning, I went to the museum witl
remember visiting the museum once with
years ago, but I don't remember if there w
on tankers or not.

It was just noon, so we looked for a place
only options were a restaurant inside the
place near a swimming pool, so we walke

When we entered the restaurant, we were
or rather, we were the first customers of t

spaghetti with trepidation.

We looked around the museum. Shin-Char
collect the “facts about ships” that were p
each corner. I collected all of them and file
It took time but I completed 2 sets.

The section on tankers was well filled with
However, there were no exhibits that show
structure. The staff who actually went to s
us that they couldn’t see below decks or i
slides and videos, on "how a tanker is mad
structure and how it works and greatly de
knowledge of the tanker itself. In particula
tankers was very useful. I would like to inc
the static-electricity-prevention panels int
me recognize how despite having lived for
nothing about tankers or the people that w

I attended a screening of The Matrix at the
A huge crowd! The line was long when I go
reminded me of the Tokyo Fantastic Film F

-99/6/28 (Monday)

Saw a video of Shenmue. It was amazing!
at what he does!

It's reckless to make things so detailed. I a
aesthetics and how far they went with it. T
money, and the time needed….wow, that'
love to work with them some day.

From 4:30 to 7:00 p.m., had a meeting at
people came, including Ueda. 5 with us ar
EAST.

I showed them the experimental videos of

explained our progress. I had thought of n
any more video at many points, but they s
satisfied with the programming aspects. I
"limits" that Uehara is always talking abou
The Q&A was so in depth it made SCE suff
became incredibly meaningful. Once it fin
drinking. They were all straight-laced tech

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-99/6/29 (Tuesday)

It looks like VR Time Attack is about to hea
are trying to claim the VR record. Many of
are working people and cannot play for a
on weekends. We'll cut if off on June 30th
prizes. From July, there will be staff challe

Did rough editing on the commercial BTS
hours to 38 minutes on the first pass, ther

again and got it to 23 minutes. I'll leave th
Matsuhana.

60 frames of marines were displayed at Jo
was just a walking animation, but at 60 fra
softer and more fluid. 60 frames is non-ne
ago when Douglas Trumbull's invented the
was over 45 frames, I think? I remember r
said that above 45 frames, the brain mista
real experience. I think it may be more ab
than resolution.

Takabe’s station was working on shadow v
There were a lot of problems, so unfortuna
make it semi-transparent! I’ll have them t

The evaluation of Z.O.E. is coming up. The
parts are looking good. However, there are

guess the lack of a director wasn’t a good

Swam at the club. I've been swimming on
and today I did 10 laps, which is unusual f
500 meters.

-99/6/30 (Wednesday)

At Toyopi's station, I watch still images of
with his newly articulated model. Althoug
shoulder, elbow, and finger joints has only
made a big difference. It was just an anim
sitting, but his shoulder sagged, giving a c
than the previous sitting animation. Where
show was that he was sitting, now it seem
emotions like discouragement. Truly emot
would work well for the last cut of Ashita n
details and increasing the number of joint
might be the way to go.

Went to Konami TYO from the afternoon. T
exchange technical information on the PS2
researching. The place was a bit empty, so
experimental footage of MGS2 that I had p
to have surprised them in its own way.

-99/7/1 (Thursday)

Had the Z.O.E. evaluation. Was generally w
the basic action game elements being ver
as a game it came off as average. The onl
point of the game, the actual performance
questionable. Even so, I’m surprised the M
could put something like this together in s
frame! I feel having made them do everyt

-99/7/5 (Monday)

In the morning, I wrote an index of revisio

amendment. It took longer than I thought.

Kano (Kenichiro Kano) arrived from the US
have him introduce himself in English, but
greeting me with a “pardon” in Japanese.
what comes next. I’ll need to give him a n
team is a bit like Nanamagarisho. (Name o
in a drama series called Taiyo ni Hoero. He
banter between the characters.)

In the afternoon, we had a meeting to disc
for Z.O.E. We will change it from being “lik
“containing the essence of anime.”

However, it seems that the current staff is
Their expressions were rigid Not a good si
bigger burden.

Got the newly articulated model of Raiden

console. His shoulders look beautiful. He r
per second. The movement was quite smo
the gun holster was quite low on his thigh
connected. There weren’t enough gaps be
alpha of his hair is still not quite right, a bi
getting there. Animation work was on the
frames. The current work is taking twice a
unfamiliarity with the process, etc. The cu
that it takes twice as long to do the work a
them down to 1.5 times with perseveranc

Incorporated the "lacquered chopsticks" th
popular in Europe and the U.S. into Rosem
Handed Shin-chan a newspaper cutout.

-99/7/6 (Tuesday)

Wrote a contribution for Game Criticism. S
Matrix, I wrote passionately until it was 3 t

usual contributions. Ever since I went on a
have been boring. However, the last part t
was only a few lines long.

We had a meeting to go over GBC's Ghost
the map while presenting on the plot. It’s
things turning out differently when there’s
planning it. For better or worse, it reflects
personality. There is a lot of moving aroun
moving up and down the floor. It's not goo
the current Japanese market. But well, ma
the West?

At Okaji’s station, they were working on us
maps to create rain ripples. They look goo
pleasant surprises like this recently. Kano
overtime.

-99/7/12 (Monday)

First thing in the morning, I borrowed the s
used a giant projector to watch “METAL W
video that which was sent in by a player. T
watching it. I can really feel the love.

Wrote some specs for MGS2 for the first ti
rewrote the vague warning system. I think
now. If I can successfully incorporate the n
mode" and other new additions to the gam
able to bring out some new nuances in the
thing that could be a problem is the attach
enemy soldier parts. Need to get it done a
and have it linked to the enemy soldiers fo
Korepi’s station had a whole 25 of the 16 j
the previous game. Had them test how ma
joint ones they could fit in. They used Raid
Also had them do early tests on soldi
radio, another big element that could

want to give the player a chance for a
before they use their radios, like with
Bruce Willis took out in Die Hard.

Takabe’s station was working on extendin
vanish and reappear when crossing the lig
need to extensively limit their locations.

-99/7/13 (Tuesday)

Revised the themes of MGS2 once again. S
"death" in all organisms that evolve throu
reproduction. The previous game depicted
genes to offspring according to the laws o
of this game is how to pass on to our child
that cannot be transferred through geneti
as souls, thoughts, history, and the enviro
these things important, and why they can
genes. **For that reason, I made slight a**

Boy’s background. Having attained in
continuing an “endless battle”, and h
to whom he passed on his genetics ha
(his son dying), his existence is neith
“death,” so he turns to the battlefiel
The former Big Boss and Solidus are t

Nakamura came to work in the afternoon.
about Harry Gregson-Williams. He listened
had selected as examples for our vision fo
from "The Rock," "Crimson Tide," "Enemy
and seemed to like them. He was also ver
the video of MGS I sent him at the same ti
“wanted to play it.”

At 4:00, had a meeting to discuss the sche
MGS2. There are too many things that nee
rate, I'll spend most of the year working o
it may not even become a game. Thanks t

“EE” announcements for animations, mod
to be highly over spec'd. Production will b
look like we’ll make it on time. If we screw
end of MGS.

-99/7/14 (Wednesday)

Returned to planning after several months
scripting on the tanker arc. It’s interesting
a while that how fun it can be to write plot
documents. I feel like I don't even need m
feels to be alive!! In order to add tempo to
enemy soldiers and the gameplay, the Gu
were programmed to be similar to the ene
the previous game. This will make Solidus
effective when assaulting and clearing.

-99/7/15 (Thursday)

Wrote in events, enemy soldiers, traps, ro

map output by Matsuhana to complete a r
wrote half the script for the tanker arc at t
Added in an Olga event so she could leave
the same time, slightly changed Olga's mo
plant arc. Made it so she’s saved by Snake
of the tanker. She is told by Snake that it w
killed her father. **Will have Shin-chan ch**
design to emphasize her armpit hair.
tank top.

Added in quite a lot of elements into the T
about an hour and a half worth of content
pretty interesting.

Matsuhana is creating a map on SGI accor
map. By the end of the month, we’ll be ab
onto the PS2 and check it while creating it

On Monday the 19th, 12 PS2 tools (with so
to be delivered. We will allocate 3 units to
units to the DrumMania team, 4 units to s
Z.O.E.

-99/7/22 (Thursday)

The last time I wrote a diary once I got ho
four and a half months ago. It seems to be
organize my thoughts on the day after I go
I'd been writing at the office in the mornin
about the previous day's events. It seems
doing up until now is better for keeping m
However, if I do it this way, the diaries on
Sundays, and the days before holidays wil
have their advantages and disadvantages

When I came in the morning, I found almo
e-mails left from yesterday's business trip

lost interest in reading them as soon as I c
Yesterday's business trip to Hakata was by
easy.

I saw rain effects at Okaji's station. They’r
aren’t too heavy apparently. The only thin
combine various other effects to make it l
planned, 12 PS2 tools arrived during my b
Muraoka's place, I listened to the sound of
samples that SCE had prepared were unex
disappointing. I told Muraoka to follow up
sound. The sound of rain pattering in 3D w
materiality. If it goes well, we can convey
through sound instead of visually.

Negi (Yutaka Negishi) made a rough versio
about 2000 polygons. The size is about 20
captures the size of the ship. Had Korepi p
soldiers. It's - it's too big! With only 56 me
in the center of the hold, it won’t make for

make the hold smaller. We have to set the
frames so that we can display twice as mu

Wrote up the script for the tanker arc. This
basis for presentation and map adjustmen
start writing, the cutscene parts ended up

The Wachowski brothers will be in Japan fr
26th. They will be at the premiere screeni
want to meet us. This is right when Scott w
business trip to Europe. This is not good! I
get Scott to shift the dates on that trip?

-99/7/26 (Monday)

Got an email from SONY. It seems that the
still a long way off. They can only produce
it will be around the end of August. My AIB
cooled off.

In the morning, I watched last week's NHK
Century" on the projector. Almost everyon
watched it together. They didn't seem to b
it.

Bought a copy of Arata Tendo’s old work, "
the afternoon. I read a bit during my lunch
the book starts with a very shocking scene
the theme seems to be the same as that o

I finished the script for the tanker arc and
At the same time, we decided not to use t
Bridge as Snake’s drop point, and changed
Washington Bridge. The reason is that dro
Verrazano Bridge would have taken us out
Ocean an hour after the tanker sank. I wan
George Washington Bridge and end in fron

George Washington in Federal Hall. The m
will be used when the metal turtle comes

Took in Hirano’s opinions on the Olga enco
made it so she turns her body after the ho
Mori talked about in his lecture after all. I
an idea.

After returning home, I happened to watch
making of My Neighbors the Yamadas. List
and Miyazaki talk, I couldn’t agree with th
position I find myself in now. I couldn’t noc
saying that, "It doesn't matter if this film d
doesn't sell, it will be a success as a new a

-99/7/27 (Tuesday)

I updated the tanker section and wrote so
meeting with Matsuhana, Shinkawa, Fukus
ran out of time and stopped halfway throu

from Matsuhana is different from last time
revision.

Happened across a copy of Arata Tendo's
Loneliness, and bought it

Uehara brought his save data of Ape Esca
the level after Urban City, which I'd been
was about to go home, Inoue gave me a m
it was 100% beaten. Will this let me use th
(Couldn't find anything about this, assume
magic punch?)

-99/7/28 (Wednesday)

Shin-chan bought us action figures (12 inc
members at Yellow Submarine. Mine is a b
dressed in black. He is a captain. He is hol
pretty good looking! I put him on my desk
chan's urban camouflage SWAT team mem

tight, but mine are loose. So when I came
after a while, I saw it had fallen down on t
have ages too?

From noon, we had a debriefing for the co
development on Integral. Each of us has c
reflect on. Things for us to put to use next

Saw a map of the tanker (deck) at Matsuh
Moving it around and looking at it, I could
expansive. The map is fundamentally diffe
MGS maps, so it feels very empty. They ha
built into the map, which is a completely c
from creating realistic structures that exis
this really what "MGS2" is all about? Is thi
go with MGS2? However, there’s no doubt
interesting creating a realistic tanker to ex

I went over the videos and photos we colle
again. I am sure the designers must have
The hold Negi made is 1600 polygons
of one enemy soldier.

Got Raiden’s stealth run to work on conso
it looks uncool.

-99/7/29 (Thursday)

Shin-chan told me about something c
used by Spetsnaz. It has a single bull
the knife. Will use it as a sub-weapon
be effective in the tanker arc at the b
suicide scene at the end. I immediately
appearance scene in the tanker arc.

Had Toyopi show me some experimental f
The back teeth look scary, but otherwise n

textures, we can make the facial expressio
anime. However, it is not likely to look like
the beginning, we were never thinking abo
direction. **Looking at the mouth moven
want to make a character that chews
I'll have Fatman play that role.**

They got dead bodies to stay behind at Sc
and Korepi’s station. They look good. Whe
behind, it makes it feel like a battlefield. W
left behind, it also makes you easier to be
you would think. However, having dead bo
death animation variations more necessar

The rain is blended. It's looking pretty goo
completed work on some simple "leg only

Had them straighten up Raiden’s animatio
with the sneaky thief concept as is. The co

situation" will continue as it is. Will think a
with the low camera height in 1st person r

**On the way back home, I thought abo
Johnny and Data as characters. Curre
many characters, and it is not possibl
them unique. The strategy is to incre
times main characters appear by elim
supporting characters. Therefore, the
will be assigned to Olga. The Colonel
under the name "Mr. X," and at first s
collaborator (spy). She is on the patri**

**Also changed Rose from being a news
her Data's role. The patriots (the colo
an office worker at a brokerage firm,
the data role in order to intimidate Ra
there in person, only on the radio. Ro
his real name until the end and is cor**

well-being. After the midpoint, Raide
memories of her are missing. In the la
learns that "Colonel" and "Doc" were
intelligence, and wonders whether or
This is kind of a return to the original
Rose tells him she is pregnant. Raide
her and names the child "Dave”.

Raiden was unable to protect Olga's child,
carries with him.

-99/8/3 (Tuesday)

Review scheduling and staffing for MGS2.
be in place by the end of the year 2000. T
seems to have things more or less under c
is the background team. It is becoming dif
same quantity and number of 30 types as
map units were very small one-load maps

case this time. We can't make a schedule.
the high polygon models? Just shelve ther
biggest problem is motion capture. How d
what to do with what we have captured? I
to do with what I have taken. The last time
figured out that we could do about 50 take
day. How many days will it take?

I have an idea how Solidus can use th
president's ID. Ocelot has a transplan
arm in the setting. So he tries to tran
president's right arm and pass biome
living right arm. This would allow him
nuclear weapons.

Downloaded the Ape Escaper minigame o
station late at night. It's a game that you
but it is quite interesting. In the middle of
woke up and played Ape Escape. He seem

-99/8/4 (Wednesday)

In the morning, I said goodbye to my son.
flying back to my parents' house at 2:00p
for a while.

In the morning, I had a meeting with Mats
schedule and budget for MGS2. We will m
schedules for each month, but it will be ve
anything is late.. It is difficult because out
also involved. The schedule, budget, and
be reviewed again and submitted.

I called my parents' house at around 7:00
went straight to voicemail. I went to buy l
It had been a while since. It really has bee
had ten-don bento.

Went home. It was lonely with no one arou
then drank beer, while watching Cube. Th
but the direction was not as good as I exp

-99/8/5 (Thursday)

From today, I'm living alone. When I woke
realized that I had no breakfast. I should h
bread or something last night. I opened th
thought I would have some jelly or yogurt
nothing inside. It seems that my wife emp
would all go bad. I had no choice but to bu
cod roe) at a convenience store in front of
empty.

At work, I chewed my meager breakfast a
mail.

I start working on concluding the plot

forgetting the details. I'm trying to re
plot, but the schedule is pretty strict,
extend things out. I also have to dele
characters' backgrounds that are too
Raiden's past, for example, was one o
on the list. Fortune and Vamp are har
into the story.

Had a discussion about the cover of the bo
published by Shin-Kigensha. The person in
quite sensible, so I left the meeting after a
Shinkawa is scheduled to submit the mate
the day.

Left work at 5:30 p.m. and went to Shinba
dinner (light meal) with Ueno at a tea sho
wanted a proper meal but there wasn’t tim
We arrived at the venue around 6:15 p.m.
few people in the lobby, and to my surpris

full!! I ended up in a spare chair in the bac

Went home. After taking a bath, I watched
so interesting! I didn't expect it to be this
Sommers, you've really outdone yourself!
chosen to direct The Mummy. The script, t
were a lot like The Mummy. He is a directo
actress was good. I've seen her somewher
remember where. I can really use it for ref
effects in the tanker arc of MGS2.

-99/8/6 (Friday)

Bought another rice ball (salmon with may
convenience store this morning. and ate it

In the morning, I had a meeting about the
budget of Z.O.E.

Started plotting the plant arc. It will be qu
ending (reveal) in the 2nd half is just goin
talking no matter what. I don't want to ma
cutscene, so it will be a 1st person cutsce
pain otherwise.

**The final clash between Solidus’ and
forces is looking impossible to go, so
How unfortunate. I had wanted to hav
the background while there’s a boss
foreground.**

Morita seems to like movies a lot. He can
has good taste. I am looking forward to wh
high expectations for the wave effects. Ky
right man for the job. He can program, ha
a design background), likes movies, and s

Our end of term gathering started at 5:00
gathered in the seminar room, and before
packed full of people. Many couldn't fit in
there weren’t even 30 people.

I got drunk because I drank beer at the ga
choice but to give up on going to the pool
tempura shrimp rice ball set” bento box b
The lady gave threw in some skewers and
discount.I feel like I'm back in a boarding l

At night, got the textures of the tanker arc
screen. The polygonalized version of the a
very convincing.

After returning home, I took a bath and di
watching Lost in Space. The designs were
was oppressively boring.

If I remember correctly, the director is the
directed Predator 2. I don't like Kyle’s endi
they are elaborate….

-99/8/18 (Wednesday)

Obon vacation is over. It was quite a busy
was able to have a lot of fun with my son.

Since I took my summer vacation a bit lat
was on Wednesday

As expected, on my desk were letters sen
greeting cards, and billing statements tha
signature. I opened my email and saw it s
too!!! All of this in just two days. I'm worn
through the morning and wrote a planning
Ghost Babel. It was already past 3:00 p.m

Start working on wrapping up the plot. Un
there were a lot of people around, so I got
didn't get much done.

Matsuhana’s station was working on the t
enemy soldiers. The small textures were s
strong N64-like impression. It still needs w
no choice but to give up on his stooping a
still problems around his feet.

With such a tiered structure of upper and
person shooting looks fun. However, the q
do with the sight. I don't want there to be
other games. I want to stick to it truly beir
using the guns. The reason why I originall
person was because I wanted to aim at ta
we are going to bend the concept, we sho

A 35,000-yen stone statue has arrived at J
a micro dick between its legs. There’s no c
within a few weeks. But, if it helps us mak
even a little bit, then it’s cheap. We are pl
more. I’ll have them smashed to pieces wh
ends.

Most of the programmers are here. The or
business trip to SIGGRAPH are back, so for
while, things are bustling. Shin-chan and T
break.

Morita showed me some sea surface effec
made the texture of the sea surface and t
and it looks incredibly good. I look forwarc
programmer. He has that necessary ability
create surprises with ideas and ingenuity
environment. There are very few people w

It is not about the technology, but the idea
technology.

Held a watch party for Deep Rising at 6:30
room.

I left at the beginning and went to the spo
just as it was ending.

I went home and watched Arlington Road.
The last scene left me feeling uncomfortab
felt watching Kurt Russell's Breakdown. Ky
wasn’t all that great. The idea was too sim

-99/9/19 (Thursday)

I forgot to buy bread for breakfast last nig
do with Weider in Jelly again this morning.

from my son just before I left home.

I'm going to bring back the "stealth c
previously scrapped.

I think it's more innovative and effect
remote-controlled missile. It will add
rescuing Emma and in boss fights. It
very difficult to pull off. I have a feeli
up being scrapped at the last minute

I think I will add in an event with a gi
are a huge trope for anything set in t
doing it anyway. Renny Harlin’s new film
releases next month.

Zelda is casting its shadow on the tanker.
is due to the lack of model segmentation,
background processing much faster.

The 1st person shooting was difficult to do
1st person button to "R1". It controls very
players are probably used to it. However,
change and the button for looking into the
1st person are gone, so it needs review.

I went to see Eyes Wide Shut with Muraok
crowded.

I had heard a lot of bad reviews, but I thou
interesting. For 2 and a half hours, I was in
Kubrick's world without falling asleep. Eve
is still a genius. No matter what frame you
composition is superb. The lighting is ama
scene, etc. I didn't expect it to be such an
film. I'll have to re-watch Kubrick's previou

-99/8/23 (Monday)

Summer vacation is over, and I will be livi

again from Saturday.

I'm thinking about specifications for '
controls when underwater. The idea i
O2 gauge runs out under water, you h
action button repeatedly to hold your
longer. The goal is to experience the
pain of holding one's breath in water
difficult to control, but there are no g
reproduce this sensation. In an event
to pass underwater, conventional gam
to find the shortest distance route. If
starts over again from the starting po
be like that, but instead be so that at
route becomes uncertain, you have to
the button and make use of your extr
to find the course. If you use the butt
your range will expand and deepen ex

**Wrote weapon specifications. I put it
specification documents, but I think i
of underwater weapons (guns). I am
the guns being fired from ambiguous
water.**

They were testing the fixed camera at Ma
It’s quite good. Also, the 1st person and th
turning corners well implement Mori’s less
adds a new gameplay feel and enjoyment
game. It allows for an infiltration method
stopping, peaking in 1st person, eliminati
gun, then advancing further.

-99/8/25 (Wednesday)

I met the Wachowski brothers and Geof Da
Hyatt in Shinjuku. When we first came fac
called me “Kojima sensei!”

All three are very nice people. Soft-spoken
nice guys. Nerd masters are the same eve
we seemed to be on the same wavelength

The interview room was even set up. A mo
embedded in the curvature of the metallic
of The Matrix playing on Betamax.

-99/8/30 (Monday)

My AIBO finally arrived. When I opened the
than I had expected. It seems a lot needs
working, so I'll put it off until tomorrow.

-99/8/31 (Tuesday)

I activated my AIBO. It's truly the same m
giving birth to a child.

It is very noisy when it is left in automatic

constantly beeping for some reason. I can
line this. I should take it home after all.

Uploaded a fixed version of the weapons

I went to the preview of Cascadeur. It's no
think I'll be able to make an article out of

It is a strange film made by a German dire
watching Hollywood films and shot on a G
German crew. The jokes, dialogues, tempo
Hollywood action, but it doesn't seem to fi
character and it’s not funny.

-00/11/1 (Wednesday)

It is November as of today. The PICT on m
has changed to an autumn leaf pattern. It
No, maybe it’s winter.

I started writing this diary again. I opened
looked over the development diary again.
there has been a gap of one year and two
last entry on August 31st of last year. It w
diary at home because my home e-mail te
I can’t write text the way I picture it in my
It’s something I could get done if I got use
now, when it comes to writing planning do
the subtle “sensation” of it is important. If
thoughts stop. I’ll continue pushing throug
time being.

I just can’t write my diary after coming ho
would run late into the night among other

Even with these excuses taken into accou
been over a year.

From now on, I will write down the day's e

day before going home. Anything that hap
will recall and write down the next mornin
events of the last few days is apparently v
stimulating the brain.

Today, I finished adjustments on the demo
to work the plant arc. I would have liked to
reception room, but it wasn’t available, so
at my desk. First of all, I finalized the selec
at the beginning. Some staff members can
that isn’t split up into specification docum
those into the script.

A proposal came from the CP department
appears they are planning to make dolls fo

I bought the 15th volume of MONSTER and
again, it built up to something then just en

-00/11/2 (Thursday)

It was raining again this morning. Tokyo Fa
evening, so I was going to go home for a w
weather being what it was, I decided I'll g
office. We planned to meet up at Shibuya
So I'll make it on time if I leave the office a

The blacklight specifications weren't comi
decided to strengthen them. I'll also set th
and recesses on the 2nd floor. Now they s
find regardless of whether you turn right o
a breakable light, the black lights will turn

Once the demo version was finished, I beg
tanker and plant arcs. At the beginning of
staff from Z.O.E .will join us. We need to b
by then. I also need to fix the plot before t

session in December.

I was supposed to be in the reception roo
the plot, but unfortunately I had to give th
on the Z.O.E. ROM. Up until shooting the E

I bought takoyaki and a shrimp tempura ri
and ate them. The takoyaki was delicious.
Toyopi had recommended it.

Swam at the club. It was emptier than usu
time to swim. Maybe that's why I'm alread
Will I be able to keep the sleepiness at bay

-00/11/4 (Saturday)

I went to the office today. I worked on the
the plant and tanker sections at the begin

Stephen Hunter's Tapestry of Spies is borin
Arata Tendo was released. Glenn Meade's
coming. I need to finish reading this quick

No one is at this bloc today. For the first ti
looks like I'll be able to get some work don

Around 3:00 p.m., the story team came to
a break, looks like the morning is best.

**Wrote specifications for the opening
about it, we may have a CESA by the
We already have an "M" rating in Am
case, there will be no need to ask the
the beginning. Essentially, blood can
off regardless of player age.**

I bought a copy of Arata Tendo’s new work
It was selling quite well. It seems that the
sold out by next week.

-00/11/6 (Monday)

I started to revise the plant arc for the firs
had to spend the morning doing email, pa
meetings, so I entered the reception room
had reserved it from the morning, but they
that I didn’t really use it. I revised things u
Scrapped the exchange event with Snake.
so if you have a razor, it will auto give the
not interactive, but I don’t want things to
long cutscene, so I'm going to omit it.

I have been thinking of cutting down on th
recently.

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Got back comments from KOE about the s
of MGS2. In Europe, Z.O.E. is apparently m
than Onimusha. If MGS2 is included on top
will pay for a commercial. This is wonderfu
opportunity. I want to release it by the end
no matter what it takes.

A new demo version disc was burned at 9
checked it, it crashed during the fight aga
is also buggy. It's not ready yet.

Added subtitle descriptions to the tutorial
There was too much information distractin
removed the description windows for wea
equipment. Will keep the demo like this fo

They didn’t burn any discs for Z.O.E. today
had no choice but to play the version inclu
D.

Tapestry of Spies wasn’t interesting. I’m d
Master Sniper was his only good one.

-00/11/7 (Tuesday)

**There’s something wrong with my sto
been terribly constipated for the past
also have stomachache.** It’s around my
harsh if it lasts a long time like before. I tr
much about it and power through, but it d

-00/11/8 (Wednesday)

Today, we monitored MGS2 with the WEST
assistant. It was Hara, Arikawa, Kitamura,

Nakano, the current director. Each of them
hours, and just like with the monitoring se
gave them a printout to write down their i

Hara, who rarely plays games, beat it on v
the SCE meeting, he was the first one to t
operate the game. It was even easier than
SCE, while Nojiri taught him the controls in
there are things in an action game that ca
controls, which were the element that wor
were alright, which is a small relief.

Lip syncing is now included in the polygon
Expressions and lip syncing make a differe
now is gaze direction and blinking. Time w
can take things. Cypher also looks good.

-00/11/9 (Thursday)

My stomach has hurt since this morning to
button. It’s the same place that hurts. Pus
hurts too.

Decided to stop using the trick of cha
Pliskin to Banjo Ginga in the plant are

I’ll have Otsuka play the role from the beg
makes things obvious. Did revisions up un
encounter. I couldn't stay in the reception

Had a product presentation on Z.O.E. at K
was supposed to start at 6:00 p.m., but th
standby by the time I arrived because the
early. What a difference from the other da
impression that the participating member
anticipation.

Used a disc to explain the gameplay of MC
The game was played without any explana

almost 30 minutes right up until before th
Olga. After the explanation, there was a ro
what a reception! I heard people say “it’s
way out. Tomorrow, only Okamura is sched
Kobe. I hadn’t planned on doing a MGS2 p
might be better to record something on D

-00/11/10 (Friday)

My stomach still hurts today. It's getting w

I played a read only disc of Z.O.E.

Added vibrations to the radio, but it doesn
shake. Discussed it with Mizupin and had
mechanism of camera shaking with the de
animation in the radio conversations is co
by little. Shin-chan also put in some lightin
more thing to do. Will look forward to adju

adding effects.

-00/11/12 (Sunday)

They burned the first disc for the plant arc
to Shell 1. I can't seem to get down to the
center of the plant. Well, too many enemi
there. It's also hard to understand the ma
layered structure of the heliport and the a
intuitive. The hierarchical structure of the
intuitive. It is hard to see where they are c
maze.

Modified the scriptment based on the disk
too hard for the first EV hall.

-00/11/13 (Monday)

Checked Plant #2. As expected, the helipo

are hard. Removed the upper camera in th
made various other revisions. and the arm
The hostage room in the central building a
now, but it’s not good. You can’t get a fee
the hostages. Will leave the hostage anim
decide on the size first.

Played the read only disc of Z.O.E. My stor

Had Mori play the demo. He was caught a
over, but he gave a good review of it.

Had dinner with Mori at a yakiniku restaur
station. Being both busy and not feeling w
beers.

-00/11/14 (Tuesday)

Got to meet Director Gakuryu Ishii!!! My d
last! He was a nice guy, and complimente

Ah, what a good day.

-00/11/15 (Wednesday)

Added in an interesting video (Basic Actio
small, but it's easy to understand when yo
The video is divided into beginner, interm
advanced levels. Will consider adding a ne
the future. I was thinking of adding a mov
faces, but decided not to. Matsuhana was
camera. I am sorry about that.

Did a full playthrough check of Z.O.E. toge
Kobayashi. It froze at points, preventing p
Tyrant freezes sometimes. I have not seen
end yet.

Started on the radio drama from after the

-00/11/20 (Monday)

We’re just about to upload the master, an
Saturday and Sunday, so I have not been
for a while.

There was an article in Aera about the poc
PS2.

Played through Z.O.E. to the end. It still ne
finally coming together.

-00/11/21 (Wednesday)

Will check the master version. If there are
submit the master version tomorrow morn

Had a board meeting over lunch. Followed
meeting ..... so couldn’t get anything dor

Did a full playthrough of Z.O.E. Had to sto
due to freezing and then start again from
through to the end.

Looks like Toyopi is getting married. I’m so
wedding is planned for April. I remember h
HG before Konami JPN was even formed. H
still had the labels on it. That was 5 years

-00/11/22 (Wednesday)

Heard from Okamura that the CS Osaka pr
held yesterday was very well received.

In the morning, Matsuhana took the maste
to SCE. I wanted to go, but decided not to
around in the morning. I wanted to give it
Since I can’t I’ll let others handle it this tim
something that shouldn’t happen, but the
resubmission of the master.

Checked Z.O.E. and flagged the parts with
effects. It was frustrating how many there
won't be able to go back to work on MGS2

Handed over the materials for the figures
There will be a toy fair in New York next Fe
be a toy fair in New York next February. Th
big announcement of MGS2 there.

I asked Shin-chan to go to a meeting abou
around Mid-December.

I had planned to go too, but I can’t with Z.

state.

Raiden, Fortune, and Solidus will be kept u
game is released.

I will also tell them about the cardboard b
They are going to send us a full-size cardb
sample

Had a discussion on promotion for Z.O.E.

We celebrated launch of the trial version a
restaurant in Ebisu. The plan was only for
come, but the animation team also partici
programming team will celebrate separate

Everyone went to karaoke as an after part
hear my own voice because the echo was

Went home with Kaneyoshi.

-00/11/24 (Friday)

Did a full check of Z.O.E. Was able to get t
stops. There are no cutscenes included at
felt relieved. Now we need to see how far
quality within schedule, but can’t expect a
put special emphasis on the production ar

Thought about what to do for the 1 minute
cutscene of Z.O.E. (with a Lantis song play
editing it like this, I won’t be able to get ba
MGS2. Why!!???

The temporary background for Emma's sn
been completed and was being shown at Y
The PSG1 has a zoom function, so that pla
situation around them.

Played the DVD version of Z.O.E. for the fi
the flow from the introductory OP movie t

**My left side hurts from my ribs down
even hurts when I sneeze. It also hur
swimming.**

-00/11/26 (Sunday)

I came to the office to work. Tomorrow I ha
revising the schedule for the plant arc. I w
preparatory materials before the end of th

Yesterday, I went to ROBODEX 2000 held a
Pacifico. The event was broadcast on TV, s
people there. Lines like Tokyo Disney Land
the venue, a staff member was shouting t
megaphone that, "It takes 2 hours to buy
2 hours to get in!” I tried to give up and le

insisted that, “It’s a lie! He’s lying! He's ly
waiting in line. As you’d expect, the repea
megaphone led many to get out of line.

To my surprise, we were able to get into th
hours instead of 4. I was impressed by my
situation. However, the venue was packed
son was so excited as he ran around the v
especially interested in the AIBO. I think I'
AIBO, Ranamn, which I left at the office. It
tears to my eyes to see my beloved P2 an
However, ASIMO was so crowded that I un
see it with my own eyes. I could only watc
monitor that was being relayed by a came
am about the same height as my son, so I
anything beyond the crowd. I wish I could
my own eyes. Same with SONY's humanoi

But well, at least I could feel that it was th
crowd.

Perhaps because I was influenced by Robo
AIBO, Ranman, for the first time in a year.
moved somewhat awkwardly, but it was n
it home at the end of the year. Until then,
frequently and let the AIBO grow to some
there’s no comparison to the AIBO2 we sa
given how limited its motions are. It lacks

Made slight adjustments to the scriptment
home. From today, Fussy will start working
will he cook up with my scriptment?

Stephen King’s The Stand is tough to read
characters and their backgrounds are too
I’ve read so far, there are some character
see, but it’s frustrating.

-00/11/27 (Monday)

I restarted AIBO in the morning. It seemed
energetic. It scratches its head and its mo
become more varied. Even though it was s
its movements are on a timer.

**Decided to scrap Chinaman. It's a sad
necessary to reduce model and boss
make the man in the cockpit and the
Emma be Vamp instead. Decided to a
boss fight pool prepared for the Chin
a hard decision.**

Had a general meeting on MGS2. The sem
almost full.

We received a fax from SCE on the master
version. No go! We didn't get an OK on the

were mistakes with the English writing, an
stop using the phrase "returns can be mad
description of the demo version. Too bad.

-00/11/28 (Tuesday)

**After going home for the night and th
realized that there are still too few bo
Decided to use the Chinaman boss fig
Vamp. The bottomless pool for boss f
remain the same. Considering that Ch
Vamp are both clever knife-wielders,
as characters to an extent. This mean
appear 5 times, the most of any boss**

**At Shinchan’s suggestion, changed th
soldiers’ guns in the plant arc from A
AN-94. However, VIP soldiers will also
before. Raiden will therefore be able**

Also, the OICW used by high-tech sol
will be replaced by the M4. They wou
pain to program, so we changed it to
The OICW is interesting to look at, bu
animations would have had to be rew
tough decision today.

The hostage room was turned into an eve
station for some reason. It was decorated
speech. It was not unreasonable, so I deci
ahead as is. I'll accept changes at the site
for the better. However, recently, a lot of t
done independently at the site level witho
approved. In addition, the content of the p
to all the staff members. Moreover, the co
is not taken into consideration at all. **The**
unsurprisingly, that many staff memb
through the specifications or the scri

of the whole project. When asked wh
too hard to read them.” I always thin
quit production then?"

I made a remaster for submission to SCE.
tomorrow morning.

-00/11/29 (Wednesday)

Before going to bed last night, I re-read m
previous MGS mook book, story book, stra
What I said, and what I want to do in the f
changed. However, I found that even thou
physical condition two years ago, I was sti
am embarrassed that I haven't changed, b
especially mental health has become mor

I am taking two kinds of oral medicines (a
medicines) that I got from the hospital, so

It may be just be in my head, but my skin

Matsuhana took the remaster of the demo

Estimating the gameplay time for MGS2, i
minutes for the tanker arc, 2 hours and 30
plant bomb demolition, 1 hour from the ce
Shell 2, 2 hours from the Shell 2 central bu
snipers, 1 hour for arsenal, and 1 hour for
a total of about 10 hours. It's longer than

I arranged the structure of the plant sectio
stealth, the second half is an event. The b
reasonable. Not looking too bad. The ques
will happen as planned.

Played Z.O.E. The sound effects I had orde

but they’re unpleasant. The sound design
should be. The direction is not fully realize

The difficulty scale is too light, so I instruc
the parameters for enemy guards, encour
timers, etc. The 2P Nate has become borin

Shin-chan, without any instructions from a
lighting to the Z.O.E. stages. As you’d exp
Shinkawa. I reviewed it all today! It seems
printed tomorrow, so I am looking forward

-00/11/30 (Thursday)

It's the last day of November. It is remarka
today.

Revised Vamp’s boos fight. Made it so Van

into the water, but Raiden can’t enter the
Raiden has most of his weapons. So, he w
ways to fight back strategically with a var
won’t be that only a limited number of we
equipment will be effective, but that the c
each weapon will be applicable, allowing p
their own way. This is similar to the fight w
game. Also, there weren’t any scenes or e
person punch was effective, so made it so
Vamp’s weak spot (his sides).

There’s a joint event with Snake in the Ars
am very uneasy about the programming. W
soldier intelligence being what it currently
work, we need to decide whether to chang
or not as soon as possible. The number or
shouldn’t be done in game design and pla
things up to the programmer's ability. Esp
enemies and non-player characters.

Considered the underwater specifications
the surface and underwater with forced ar
much as possible, they should be created

At night, I watched Mad Max 2 on TV for th
while. The dubbing had changed, and Mel
by Koichi Yamadera. I've already seen the
times, but it's still interesting no matter ho
it.

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The direction is amazing. The use of the c
angles ..... The most amazing part is the
half. We already see the setting and the si
same point of view as Max. 1st person and
footage. Max's experience is directly conn
audience's experience. Young George Mille

-00/12/1 (Friday)

It is already December. The last month of
will be decided for Z.O.E. and MGS2 this D
spend it? How we live will greatly affect th

FAX from SCE. Got approval for the maste
without any issues. That was over too quic
it’s good. It’s a relief. All that's left is Z.O.E

Played Z.O.E. The difficulty adjustment is
want there to be more depth to the game
to the action. Duplicated today's version a
the MGS team. I'm going to try to get the

-00/12/4 (Monday)

Went to two L’Arc-en-Ciel concerts in a ro

Sunday. Naturally, I’m tired.

Gave a pep talk to the Z.O.E. team. People
me, saying, "If you protect your staff too m
anywhere.” Craftsmanship is something th
cool. This is something that young people
the video game industry is in the limelight
understand. There are few people who say
game industry because I want to make thi
are in the game industry because it's lucra
attention. And they start calling themselve
immediately after joining the company, ev
have not yet created anything.

Played the hold segment. The neck exerci
pounding" events look good. However, we
the camera back a lot to get it to work. Pu
back is demanding on the display. The nur
decreases. In addition, when the camera i

number of people appears to be smaller.

Raiden's sneaking animation is good.

-00/12/5 (Tuesday)

Wrote revisions in the scriptment for
Emphasized the invader game aspect
having Fortune move too much.

Talked with Oshii (Mamoru Oshii) about Av
for the first time in two years. He had grow
good on him. It must be nice to look good
jealous. We talked from 3:00 p.m. to almo
seminar room. I talked from 3:00 p.m. to a
our seminar room. I also played MGS2 in f
him for almost half a day. He seems to be
new work. The public announcement is sti
can't imagine where I'll be at that time no

time for me (with things not yet being com
opposite of last time. Last time, Oshii was
labyrinth of G.R.M. (Garm Wars), and this
that’s complaining.

I was shown footage of San Francisco and
was unable to visit. I was surprised to hea
MGS2 was received well at overseas studi

At the end, Oshii said to me, "Please make
Kojima, you’re a worldly person, and this (
I guess.

I watched a little of L’Arc-en-Ciel’s concert

Problems occurred with the PAL conversio
animation used for the helicopter and cyp

down, causing bugs. Used an alternative s
it.

Various CS product presentations were he
Sendai today. Okamura went to the one in
Matsuhana went to the one in Akihabara,
and the MGS2 trial version. Asking them h
said it was well received, but the response
that of E3.

-00/12/6 (Wednesday)

Revised the scriptment. It was a peaceful
managed to reduce the number of capture
cutscenes. I'm going to put in some 60's m
direction, like with the sunset footage.

Nojiri's station was adding in a pole sliding
hold. It was not very interesting. It’s a half

Matsuhana's idea?) Something additional
them to pull back the camera extensively
in-chief and the soldiers all fit on screen.

Yoshihashi from the CP Division came by. I
inch dolls for MGS. He wants to release fou
The lineup is Snake, Liquid, Meryl, and Wo

They all use the same model, and only the
out, so the height and proportions must m
degree. This is why those characters were
number of dolls of this type sold is said to
prototype maker of this type of doll is a Ja
Since the model prototype maker is Japan
commercialization of the doll. I'll leave the
to Shin-chan.

-00/12/7 (Thursday)

Added Hirano’s revisions into the scriptme
sergeant but we made him into a first
and second lieutenants are rarely togethe
get suggestions from Peter on how to fix t

We had a rejected song that seems like it
an ending song in Z.O.E., so will use it for
Also, told them to have a song play in roll
with Celvice. This way, Muraoka won’t hav
effect work in the latter half.

-00/12/8 (Friday)

Bought a copy of Robert B. Parker's Early A
recommendation from Mori. If it's interesti
Parker’s other works. The latest book of th
was just published. Hayakawa (book store
fair. It made me want to make a paper the
based on the Spenser series. But I don't th

I asked Kume-chan to look into HIDEOKOJI
apparently, someone already registered it
was displaying that picture I just took the
front of the Konami JPN entrance!

-00/12/11 (Monday)

The long-awaited Plant arc #3 has been b
it out. Although it is a temporary map, the
to some extent. The normal camera is also
routes of enemy soldiers have not been ad
are in place.

However..... it’s not good. We have to ma
corrections. The helipad and armory in pa
work. The tight rope area looks workable.
additional gimmicks and revise it.

However, the game offers very limited fre

is as initially planned, but compared to the
demolition scene that gave a lot of freedo
backward, left and right, it’s more like an
type level. In any case, we can only move
that people will get bored here. We planne
as we made it, but now that it’s actually p
different from how I had imagined it. Will s
and make adjustments.

What is more frightening is the underwate
the scent of danger as I saw a temporary
at Sonoyama’s station. We need a conclus
stage. The first claymore corridor was har
it down. The angle from below makes the
so will do it that way. The texture of the ba
doesn’t appear to have any problems, so i

-00/12/12 (Tuesday)

Made major revisions based on the long-a
The Nikita missile is proving quite tough. F

know where the power panels are. I don't
are connected. As a solution, we will paste
(blue) on the wall. Even if you know the lo
you can't clear it. It’s the same as the VR
difficulty. This makes it impossible for norm
As a solution, will make it easy to get from
with the gun camera. As long as hints are
cleared without any skill. Will decide on th
how many hints are in the polygon cutsce
segments at the beginning. I have though
these kinds of events from the game coun
can agree with the opinions of staff that sa
kinds of mean events. I wonder if new play
around.

The map in the underwater mode was still
when I played it again. In addition, the bac
for the fight with Vamp was changed by pe
and landscape teams “just because.” That

part. The original design, planning, and ga
prioritized, not the appearance of the map
simulate the boss fight while we make it...

In the evening, I went to Jingumae studio f
I went to the BF2 waiting room and ate be
really is good. It motivates me to work tog
everyone. However, I didn't have much of
a lot of it uneaten. The waiting room was a
from Konami. That’s a bit regrettable, sinc
be shared with people from other compan

Inafune happened to walk by and talk to u
said the master of Onimusha is almost fini
submission is 2 days from now. Seeing him
I be that bright around this time next year

The PS2 party started at 6:30 pm. The ven
members of the media. It filled up right aw

conducted on live camera for each of the
January. A total of 14 titles. MGS2 was the
course, this is probably because the releas
been decided. After Onimusha was finishe
audience, "I'm going to the Media Works y
and left. How very courteous of him.

Two and a half hours on my feet, no food,
almost no interviews. People kept mistake
someone from SCE. When I told them that
would say, "Oh, so you must be the perso
game then?” and walk away. I guess they
SCE's PR person. A lot of people would ask
famous creators here?” right in front of m

The party ended before 9pm. Maruyama a
promotion team came to greet me.

-00/12/13 (Wednesday)

Placed shield soldiers in the engine room i
Also made there be 4 attack soldiers. This
lot of security. This will be the climax of th
where we want players to enjoy clearing a
enemy soldiers. Especially where the AI is
previous game.

-00/12/14 (Thursday)

Continued modifying the scriptment from
changed the map of the underwater scene
station, the map was modified again to go
scriptment plan. The number of breaths w
two. The location of the thermal goggles w
An item (Nikita) will be placed in the hidde
room.

What should be done when an enemy sold

a disguise event? The problem will be dea
the number of enemy soldiers. We'll also p
grain programs (gimmicks) in the tanker a
waiting room for enemy soldiers is relative
so we can display about 10 enemy soldier

Had them display a harrier at the harrier f
was as calculated. I am worried that it's n
the Hind. We also had a seagull fly over to
was processed.

Tried walking around the perimeter and ce
plant #3. There are some points that neec
as the D leg and CD connecting bridge be
perimeter scenes look okay from a plannir
including the tightrope. The three-dimensi
cautiously moving forward and backward
successful, as was the goal.

Fukushima has started revising the script.
should be coming around next week or so
own closed creation so far, but now it will
from other perspectives. I want to make s
the work is not blurred like with Hollywoo

Got a call from Shin-chan, who is on a bus
The meeting with MacFarlane lasted four h
well. I was glad to hear that. I have high e
year's figures. I must go to the Toy Show i
is cold.

-00/12/15 (Friday)

I will try to put a cypher on the CD liaison
here should be stationary in the air so tha
understand what a cypher (aerial camera)
learn that the use of a tranquilizer gun to

won’t work here. If we use chaff here, the
powerless. Will abandon the lame concept
command center and focus on the "large,
deployment" gameplay. Will make it the fi
the bomb demolition starts.

It seems that the Z.O.E. team, or rather K
running out of DVDs. I'll ask Kume-chan to
TYO, and Konami STUDIO if they have any

I bought the second volume of The Stand.
was also out, so I bought that too. I need t
Early Autumn soon. At this rate, my last b
century may be Pollock's.

-00/12/18 (Monday)

Submitted the pre-master of Z.O.E. to SCE
January 15th to debug, and adjust the cut

level. That’s a relief.

Played the pre-master version to the end.
still needs work. And, of course, the cutsc
come. The problem is how to impactfully u
still wondering if I should edit the loop cut

Got suggestions from Fukushima on revisi
with Fat Man. I adopted the parts he revise
put them in a new folder. I see, when the p
objectively, this sort of thing is bound to h
However, there still haven’t been any idea
expecting.

I bought John Wetton's new album Welcom
I had long been waiting for. This time, I tol
Wetton's ....," and for once, he understoo
took me to the progressive rock section, w

album on the shelf. It even came with a de

5.1 channel equipment (surround sound a
Set it up in the seminar room. I tried to wa
Beach scene from Saving Private Ryan as
was not as good as in a movie theater, it w
If this could be reproduced in MGS2 as is,
However, doing that in game would be im
problem. It's only the cutscene playback
immersive enough. In Private Ryan, when
you can tell by the sound where they were
thing in the two-dimensional world.

-00/12/19 (Tuesday)

In the morning, when I opened the front d
dark. Part of it may be that it just rained, b
arrived.

I bought a deluxe edition copy of Midway:
Yukinobu Hoshino. It was the 25th anniver
a manga artist. I read the first two stories.
a bit lacking, but they were good. I heard
them, but his graphic images are excellen
read the stories from the 3rd on, but I will

When I celebrate the 25th anniversary of
will be the year .....2010-2011. Will I still
then?

Thinking about 10 years in the future, it’s
son will be 17 years old, which as they rep
difficult age to be. I want to keep working
25th anniversary! I suddenly feel that way
before. I wonder what's going on?

I wrote a manuscript for the mook book of
found myself writing more than 800 chara
twice what I needed. I'll take some time to
it by the end of the week.

I went to the club for the first time in almo
because of a leg injury. It had been a while
felt good.

Played the English version of Z.O.E. The vo
actually 14 years old, are very fresh. The f
pretty close to Viola, Ada, Celvice, and Ele
Norman is better here. But they’re all cart
performances. I'm going to start preparing
Z.O.E., and I'll edit it tentatively tomorrow
end of the day. The cutscene near the end
bending around Atlantis is uncool, so I'll ha

John Wetton's new album is good. His voic
vocal style are soothing. It's healing for m

Since yesterday, I have been reading the s
Stephen King's The Stand. I have mixed fe
about how it was written 25 years ago. Th
novel, but it is very well written. The chara
plotting are terrific. This is what makes Kin
But I can also understand why his original
adapted to film. They have a structure and
be expressed in a novel. MGS is also some
be expressed in a game.

-00/12/20 (Wednesday)

At 10:00 a.m., the new spring graduate hi
designers, 3 programmers, and 2 clerical
11 people. We held interviews in the semi

chairs lined up facing each other, and wer
minutes each. An assistant advised us wh
up on 7 minutes. Had interviews with ever
that the female programmers will be able
good future in the industry. Had lunch with
I talked with them while eating. They were
talk much.

After that, we went straight into a product
used up the whole day.

Received a copy of Mobile Suit Gundam fr
from Ushimura, who attended the confere
Tokyo Game Show.

Connected the tanker arc, and burned the
needs work, but I can get a sense of how i
through it. Now we can start fine tuning. S

room and long corridor have not brought c
had thought they would.

Had 2 of the new graduates play the dem
They beat it in 40-60 minutes each withou
difficulty must not be too bad.

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-00/12/21 (Thursday)

Yesterday, after the year-end party, we we
usual, and after that a few of us drank unt
Scott, Kaneda, Nojiri, and myself. It was cl
we realized it. They kept flicking the lights
us to get out.

I was tired last night, so I went straight to
morning bath for the first time in a while.

so I dried my hair with a dryer just in case
sick this time of year.

-00/12/22 (Friday)

Edited the opening cutscene of Z.O.E.

Bought a copy of Early Autumn. I will prob
finish The Stand by the end of this year, b
something to read at the start of next yea
to carry that heavy book home anyway.

I ran late burning a disc for the next part o
couldn’t participate in a meeting.

Swam at the club. It was empty today. I no
updated the sauna.

Finished the majority of revisions on Z.O.E
cutscenes. We decided on our course. As e
cutscenes are hard to use if they aren’t lo
cuts weren’t working well. Will get it to alr
tomorrow.

-00/12/23 (Saturday)

I went to the office to edit Z.O.E.

When I went to the editing room to edit Z.
backed up. Neither Okamura nor Murata w
edit anything!

After making some minor adjustments, the
Will make some final adjustments and finis

-00/12/25 (Monday)

They suddenly needed an MGS2 ad for the

storefronts, so I edited the footage. Since
footage is in MGS2, it was quick to put tog

Did a check of the tanker arc disc. It freez
where you enter the long corridor. All I cou
until the engine room. Adding in the engin
tanker map feel more consistent. Also, by
for the course of going up to the bridge, d
then going to the hold, it adds depth to th
you approach it. Adjustments still need to
interesting. Will make the engine room mo
becomes a climax to the stage. The cleari
so we need to decide what direction to go

The background of the engine room was d
looking at it now, I can see the influences
I will have it fixed in a comprehensive man

-00/12/26 (Tuesday)

In the news, they announced the gross bo
the year 2000. MI:2 in first place, followe
second place, and among Japanese films,
place, Perfect Storm in eighth place, and B
place. The children's films Doraemon and
topped the list, and the rest were Hollywo
These must be the things people are going
trend also applies to the music and video
means that games aimed at kids and Holly
will still be popular. Will these players be r
It’s an adventurous challenge to the major

I played the tanker arc. The crux of the ga
the climax really are in the engine room. T
early game, the point where strength and
created. The ship's hold, which I was worr
as expected. In particular, the route under
interest. The key point is how much of a s
be created on the above-ground route. If t

the rest will just be bonus routes. Dolph's
minutes at a minimum. I'll have them rea
speech contents.

-01/1/4 (Thursday)

**The year 2001 has begun. It is the 21
have dreamed of since I was a child.
to complete MGS2 at any cost. That's
about. Yes, it is my year. I want to de
to production without thinking about**

**But back when I was a kid, who woul
that the 21st century would be like th
predicted when I was a child was a pi
conflicts, hunger discrimination, viole
disappear, and the wisdom and scient
mankind would build a healthy societ
national borders. ..... This 21st centu
an entirely different direction from th
dreamed of as a kid. Japanese young**

people, housewives, etc. do not know happening in the world. They are not in it. I wonder how long it has been li have no interest in the future, only in a problem of education? Is it the decl media? Is it the influence of the enter industry, including video games? En present alone will not lead to a bette

We should do something about this in even if it’s just a little bit. For the sal

Muraoka told me that The Stand is not int middle of the second volume, so I'm wond should abandon it or not. Bought Parker's read that one first. I have three books of t Early Autumn, Pastime, and Paper Doll, as Honor, part of the Sunny Randall series.

I received a script from Fusshi from up to t
Awakening and revised it. **Made a sweep
players who started from the plant ar
not have to go to the tanker arc after
president. For players who started fr
it will be added after the ending as a
of the biggest changes to be made re
flow will be better. Otherwise the tem
when the player switches to Snake.**

Played the near-final version of Z.O.E. thro
cutscene part has not changed much.

I received a New Year's card from Director
I'm going to treasure it.

When I came home and turned on the TV,
special that was a trailer for "NHK Special

start in the spring. I called my family and
It seemed he had just gotten out of the ba

After that, for some reason, I got caught u
and ended up watching it all the way throu
movie in a theater before, but it was still i
just something that pulls you in. It's not th
film, but must be a longing for the univers
interested in Jodie Foster's lines and the c
about space ..... and wanted to check the

-01/1/5 (Friday)

Had McDonalds breakfast in front of my co
time in years. It was nice to have warm f
e-mails while chewing. It's nice to do this
to have a self-deprecating nature (a kind o
Eating junk food always reminds me of my
days. Every day was interesting back then

-01/1/10 (Wednesday)

I’m going to Nasu tonight, so I left home w
days’ worth of supplies in my suitcase. It's
once in a while.

I printed out a tentative script for dubbing
second half will be 300 pages long. Will it
Can we release it this year? Should we cut
(split it)?

**I can't get the worst-case scenario ou
could hardly sleep last night. I'm goin
time in this condition. I have only nig
not direct dreams, like "a big bug app
development," or "development is de
master cannot be put out”. They are
manner of evil spirits attacking me. B
disgusting and frightening shapes an**

what I can put into words, and most o
me. I dream of things like my teeth
shreds. Every night, several times, I w
uncomfortable. It makes me hate goi
chills even while I was dreaming.

-01/1/15 (Monday)

The release date was decided at the meet
Japanese version's deadline is too strict (n
and the English and European editions are
has returned so we're going to discuss and
plans. Since the endpoint is set in stone, w
what we can do.

During lunch and break time, the MGS2 sc
weighed heavily on me. I tried to shrug it

I have no appetite. I know I need to eat
I can do about it. I managed to swallow do

Watch Beyan's (Not sure who this is) wate
processing. As expected, the waves are lig
storm. Texture effects do appear when mo
and down, but it doesn’t work at high ang
balance the camera well and play tricks w
will give away that it isn’t reflective. Howe
can be used for the surface of swimming p
of adding in the D-legs and being able to g
view in 1st person, we’ll need to make the
more detailed.

Checked the last part where Fusshi had m
It’s been reduced by a quarter. However, t
Fortune tries to act on her own…….seems
character. What should we do? Will check
scriptment again. Will start on line revisio

This was how we did things last time.
Cameron did with T2. First, I write th
the end. Then, I give it to another per

who can look at it objectively. He revi
from his own point of view. Not the g
but the scriptment part in particular.

I then revise the scriptment again aft
objectively viewed and returned. I co
people would perceive it. Then I retur
version to Fusshi again. In this way, w
play catch with each other. Whether t
good or bad, it is a common practice
a good method when short on time. H
drawbacks. The characters' speaking
personalities change from scene to sc
various individual writer's personaliti
things are flattened.

It worked well with Policenauts and Snatch
have to either do only the planning and le
others, or close the entire production proc
the past. If I don't pick one or the other I'l

with stress.

I ask my assistant for the reception room, it’s booked up with appointments this wee done in my usual seat. Is there any place myself?

And whether or not to cut the sword support specs? I still can't decide. I'd Snake stuff, but the sword would be i wise. There are risks there.

Shin-chan sent me the final settings for Fa about it carefully and realized that the hig bomb-blast suit makes it impossible to see means there is no need for lip-synching. T pleased, but it means he can’t drink durin they drink wine, so I changed it to a cockt

him drink it with a straw. But still, he has a
must have blown up bombs more than one
degree shift from what I envisioned, but I
Normally, a man with such a face is not su
racking work. He looks like a professional

-01/1/16 (Tuesday)

I couldn’t use the reception room for langu
worked on the scriptment at my seat.

**Added the shaver as an item. This is a
can be obtained by putting Emma to s
her. If you have it, Raiden's armpit ha
wonder who will be happy about that**

**The Kanekichi soldier was born. He’s
comes up to the observation deck fro
after the battle with Olga. After a cer**

time, he dives off the railing and disa
Kanekichi's name is on his prestigiou
the rare IDs. Also later in the game, w
Snake is also put to sleep so that you
tag. The problem is what name to giv
tag. Having it be the player’s name m

I gave Okaji and Shibata some ideas for u
I'm hoping to create a sense of being und
without underwater fog. How far can we g
floating garbage? The key is the refractio
we make it more attractive by having ligh
wall? I want to aim to create something u
effects in past games. Worst case scenari
add a raster-like effect. I don't want to do
underwater effects in games are like this.
don't see that kind of shimmering underw
the top is just refracted and only the light
be done, it would be an effect that would

A new world that seems to follow droplets
commodity is the last resort. I will give Ok
of reference underwater footage such as F
Blue Sea, Deep Rising, and others, as well
videos. I suggested that we buy a fish tan
idea because I don’t want the room to be

I watched the placeholder poly-cutscene c
It's long. But Ocelot, Colonel, and Snake s
themselves. They look lively. It’s the tensi
from MGS. Will show the video at E3.

Placed one Marine on the upper route of t
a dog tag from this Marine using a hold up
Ocelot (his boots) at the foot of RAY at the
route so that you can photograph him. You

-01/1/17 (Wednesday)

Six years have passed today since the Gre
Earthquake. I couldn’t believe it had been
but at the same time when I see news abo
situation in Kobe, which has not yet fully r
in my chest. My son is 7 years old, but he
years old at that time. Time flies by too qu
pain alleviates far too slowly.

Finished reading A Catskill Eagle from the
plot is so irresponsible that I am indeed ov
been reading six of Parker's novels in a ro
the year, but I will stop for a while. Read P
which I had purchased at the end of the y
books of the Spenser series at Ueno's seat
that he read them before me. I feel strang

I borrowed the reception room and stayed

have to finish revising the scriptment by t
messing with the game parts. But in the re
concentrate. I managed to finish the revis
into the database.

I went swimming at the club for the first ti
month. I'm worried about the effects in the
scenes. Raster looks strange underwater.
shake like that just under the water’s surfa
camera is underwater, light penetrates fro
surface. That light is refracted on the surfa
This shimmering element must be sample
the rain droplets came to me by chance w
me how they did the digital remixing for th
The Movie. I am not sure if my memory is
was how it was expressed in the rain scen
Instead of drawing the lines of the rain dir
celluloid, he used a special effects brush t
droplets that bounced off the character's s

knew this kind of representation was ever
impressed that there is a way to make sor
without showing it intentionally. If it were
have spent a lot of time and money to dra
water that trickled down the body.

The feel of the underwater controls is just
being ready. Something is missing. I would
specification that allows the camera to mo
way and to change the distance of the car
speed. But what is missing that would pro

**Will name the interior parts of the ars
rectum, etc. Use pronunciations some
deck names, such as ascending colon
colon. I was going to use uterus or va
complicate things. I also met oppositi
childish staff. I decided against it.**

It is the same as Pinocchio who was s
whale. However, Raiden is swallowed
of information and is digested from t
than from the mouth.

Raiden will be entirely naked. **Will put a** t

-01/1/18 (Thursday)

Purchased a commuter pass in the mornir
commuter pass machine was newer than
also buy new passes now. Previously, new
go to the ticket counter.

When I inserted my old commuter pass, th
pass displayed in large size on the monito
are designed so that even people with poo
elderly can see the new pass. It has becor
The node terminal should do the same.

My new commuter pass is valid until April

a pass, I look at the date and think about
and where the development of MGS2 will
April, it should be moving along quite well
accelerated pace. The recording and the c
done. What about the bosses? The motion
etc., etc. Every day, end up confirming tho
the train. Every day, it adds to my stress a

Had a meeting with Asatsu and Konami JP
for materials for Z.O.E.

Raiden's clothes are on fire during th
Fortune. I came up with the idea of so
Raiden's long hair, which he is proud
and if he leaves it alone, his head bec
that, he proceeds completely bald, ev
However, various "wigs" can be prepa
Naturally, there are some with Raiden
There is also the "Bakatono" wig. Wh

wig, it will fall off whenever the playe actions such as flips and somersaults falls to the floor, it becomes an item l spot. The good-looking protagonist e the first boss battle. Incredibly funny translate into the poly cutscenes. Ho opposition from the staff. I guess it's

The torture room in the Arsenal. Just game, will place a cardboard box nex Raiden. Veteran players will think the equipment back and retrieve the box dressed in the shadows of the torture finishes changing and comes out, he naked and has the cardboard box aro a joke. This is also funny, but it will ta so I put it on hold.

I had them place Ocelot in the third hold,

find a good position for him. Since it is not
him animations, we will need to consider i
a position where that works using only cur
don't know how many people will be able
specification on their own. MGS2 is ultima

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Changed Raiden's blood from white t
thinking of linking him to Redwood in
decided against it. The sprites are ad
white color would shine, especially u
Currently, red blood is displaying a lo
with red. Removed the milk blood plo
as well. Instead, I will come up with a
Emma bleed (underwater) from her c
sequence where Raiden, who can't st
asks, "Emma, where are you hurt?", a
and says "I'm fine". Then there is the
Emma dies after being stabbed by Va

is concerned about the amount of blo
she says, "I'm fine, it’s just my period
quietly breathes her last. When I told
nearly 100% disapproval.

-01/1/19 (Friday)

There was an article in the paper about pe
skyscrapers. I read the article and decided
how Raiden and Rose met. Will embed it in
in the morning. It’s a romantic and nerdy p
suitable for MGS2. Snake is Godzilla and R
so it's perfect.

If Raiden's animation is kept as it is, it will
reason is that there are many weapons. It
resident domain. We must use shared anim
possible.

-01/1/22 (Monday)

The morning horoscope introduced Virgo a
don't believe in horoscopes, but a good or
good.

At noon, I bought a copy of Parker's Wilde
once I finish The Godwulf Manuscript, whic
Parker’s work is just right for me right now

At 10:30 a.m., I had a meeting for the Z.O

Mori came to the office at 2:00 p.m. I had
so I only had time for a greeting.

-01/1/23 (Tuesday)

I dropped my gloves when getting off of th
morning. I couldn't afford to lose them, sin

Christmas gift from my wife. I noticed afte
car, and when I went to go back to the tra
know had picked them up. I was so happy.
irredeemable yet. There are some decent
Boys who want to kill people, young parer
children...

Read the first half of the MGS2 book, with
liked Scott's Colonel and Nishiki’s Rose. I p
weren’t any scenes where I got to yell yet
dissatisfied.

I decided to use the same sprite expressio
instead of primitives for muddy water. I wi
application that Okaji made elsewhere. At
there were tentative screens for night visi
goggles. If noise is added, it should be vie
effects are realistic, but they hurt my eyes
of time, so I will have them reduced to be

Tentative sound was taken to create a cut
scene. Makimura was Snake and Yoshiike
recording microphone is good, and the am
in the editing room are good, so it doesn't
We should be able to use it for longer VR f
going to insert some experimental footage
graphics board arrived. When I unearthed
material, it was Hi8 material. I wonder wh
when they see this.

-01/1/24 (Wednesday)

Inafune sent me a copy of Onimusha. I pla
the opening scene, Otsuka did the voice o

I had already played the demo version, bu
replay those parts I had already played. I
between the trial version and the main ga

have to be careful about the timing of the
there was a good way to handle it. I think
MGS2 will be introduced from the plant ar
have this problem. They'll arrive at a new

I played through the disc of the tanker arc
game has a good structure and tension. I
make minor corrections to the camera, en
item placement, etc. There is not enough
corridor and the hold is too tough. The shi
particular, needs to be made much less di

Since Matsuhana is off, the video editing w
tomorrow.

On an American website, I found a casting
were to be made into a movie, who would
casting is quite good. Snake is Russell Cro
as Wolf is the best casting. She has been g
attention since Deep Rising. Personally I w
Naomi.

I spent the whole afternoon at a meeting f
for Konami JPN. I couldn't get any work do
Please forgive me for that. I was going to
about Rose and Raiden, but I haven't beer
yet.

The staff had gathered to discuss about th
at Morita’s station. I held back and watche
sidelines. If I butt in at this point, I cannot

grow. But if it doesn't turn out good, it's a
forward to seeing how well they reproduce
and scriptment. As usual, if I interfere at t
not make progress. I will be patient until t
completed.

-01/1/25 (Thursday)

I have been having a mental breakdo
I'm the one saying that, so maybe it's
pressure of the MGS2 upload, the bui
the lack of concern in the staff..... it'
deal with. I have no way to release stres
keep my sanity, 80's new wave. Today I'm
I don't remember having such a good time
some reason, it reminds me of my youth a
That's all.

Edited video material for a TV commercial

Revised the second half of the scriptment.
poly cutscenes were moved to the radio. T
amount of radio and Shinkawa theater.

The right joy stick blade is moving more o
yet have a pleasant feeling or flashy move
feeling that it could be good. Will have the
animation and timing of the pause before
more compatible with the analog stick. Als
thrust when held down, and a slice when p
move button should be a defense button.
reached a conclusion as to whether or not
cycling. However, while enemy soldiers ca
think it will be impossible to use swords ag
boss battles gameplay-wise. **Let's make**
hand.

-01/1/29 (Monday)

I have not been feeling well since this
a headache and nausea. My stomach
I stand up to go to the bathroom, I fe

In the evening, I left the office and went to
bought a copy of Spenser's Promised Land

Rui Naito from PR came in for an interview
the live-action filming. He was very enthus
idea, and if we can shoot Federal Hall, Tim
Spangled Banner, etc. in New York by ours
it will be cheaper, even after deducting th
this, I think we will be able to do the secon
York City footage. I really wish I could go w
my schedule, I don't think I will be able to.
little worried, but I am sure he will be fine.
able to capture the images that I intended

-01/1/30 (Tuesday)

Neither Matsuhana nor Muraoka were here
concentrated on the scriptment. I tweaked
the poly cutscenes and the radio cutscene
back together again. The temporary script
KME was less than 200 pages when Fussh
Maybe I cut too much?

Inserted a fight with the Tengu commando
encounter with Fortune. Applied Olga's an
commandos turned out to be a surprisingl
genuinely cool. The only battle currently is
concluded that it was a waste of space.

If we end up making a background for a h
elevator, then we will use it. Upon arriving
circular elevator, the Tengu commandos w
vents on the left and right. In order to mak

sword here, no additional ammunition sho
Here, they can use ammunition to their he
them play with the sword and slay about 1

Swam at the club. My legs hurt from shov
stopped after 5 laps.

I applied for a copy of L’arc-en-Ciel’s new

-01/1/31 (Wednesday)

I have no choice but to scrap the dec
painful, but no matter how I think ab
make it in time. Today is the end of Janu
the details of the game even while I was c
Especially before going to bed, I remembe
hard to fall asleep.

Considered adding more people, but decid
would confuse the team. Also, most of the
boss enemies are not experienced. I feel u
evaluate them early on. In any case, the s

-01/2/1 (Thursday)

As of today, it’s February. I'm going to judg
Konami School. The location is the Shibuy
have good people.

In the evening, I returned to Ebisu to chec
tanker arc. The disk is already full. The sta
compressed yet, but whether or not the pe
is in jeopardy. Knowing that, if we cancel t
play time is 30 minutes to an hour at the l

-01/2/2 (Friday)

Fusshi brought revisions on the Presi
Hmm, it has a lot of his writing style in it.
the users. Well, it's just that my style has
The Hollywood method doesn't work well.

-01/2/5 (Monday)

Had a discussion with Nojiri about the spe
ship’s hold digital camera. It is impossible
envisioned because of the memory capaci
images that will fit in the memory is 8 at r
decided to check and judge only the area
composition in which RAY is reflected) in t

Emma's hand-holding event, feels workab
how far we can go with Emma’s arm using
something very complex for a game.

Experimentation with the sword continues
slash and a horizontal slash added. The th
than I had expected. It looks very promisi
feeling of swordplay that is not found in ot

Shindo from KME contacted us. He said th
with Kenyu Horiuchi's schedule, he could r
mid-February. It would be difficult to cast a
for Raiden. In the end, we'll just have to re
between the end of February and March. I
record the second half as well. Maybe we
motion capture?

McFarlane sent us a PICT of the prototype
for MGS2.

-01/2/6 (Tuesday)

Watched the tentative edits of the co

“Cowboy” version, which was uninte
site, is a waste of time, so we decide
"Couples of Today" and "Junior High S
versions are quite good, with well-de

Will show a special Z.O.E. program on Feb
program structure and execution are gooc
real talent. I will give him my thanks soon
skill to make it to this point in that amoun
is that the conclusion of the program was
Mistakes like spelling Yoji Shinkawa’s nam
that “Okamura made 'Tokimeki'" put me a

A (tentative) naked Raiden was at Johnny'
impact was tremendous. Even though he i
model with just a skin-colored texture! It g
spirit. This material is good! Checked out
Yamashita's station. Since the naked Raide
going to design the upper and lower cours

you can proceed through either without ra
level too much.

I came up with an idea for one last elemen
poster series. I will give it to Kanekichi so
know. If this works, it will add another ele
poster. The question is who will play the o
willing to play the role, I will have to be th
poster.

Made it so you can change clothes even a
disguise event. Of course, you won’t get t
in disguise, but just the change in appeara
Also, the poly cutscenes will still be suppo
possible or not depends on the memory.

-01/2/7 (Wednesday)

Temporary Gurlukovich soldier with Raider

a kappa. Kappa Raiden ..... has an impact

Changed the long dialogue with Olga in th
cutscene to internal communication. Now
more radio segments.

Left Ebisu at 5:30 PM. The rain was terrible
from America-Bashi. There was so much tr
move at all. The driver didn't know where
by the time he got in the vicinity of the ma
hour had passed. If I knew this would be th
have taken the train. Cabs in Tokyo are a l
York. Why don't they know the way?

Edited commercials with inferno. Or rathe
operator who uses "inferno." I added Leo's
and modified the last screen of MGS2 to a
so bad. Finished about 8:00 PM., earlier th

-01/2/8 (Thursday)

Anomalous activity is occurring on Mt. Fuji
microtremors are apparently occurring fre
reported on the morning news. Could ther
eruption?

In the morning, had a meeting to discuss t
asked them to draw up basic guidelines by
February, and we will take it up from there
the appearance rather than the gameplay
on improving the effect quality. The game
difficult. Effects are handled separately, so
processing is a problem.

Looked at the sample images of the ship w
only 4,000 polygon models were placed on
were more unpleasant than I imagined. At

as good as the concept. I wonder how mu
will come out when the shipworms are mo
forward to seeing it. It seems that we won
4000. The plan to cover the whole floor is
happen. All of our original plans and speci
that number are gone.

A link to the BBS of Z.O.E. was posted on t
HP. There were twice as many posts as us
enough.

The setup with naked Raiden was added i
front of the torture device again, you can
and pretend that you are being caught. In
crotch, which should not be visible, is hidd
can above the window frame.

Okaji’s muddy stream looks good! If this is

have included the muddy stream event as
Is there any scene we could manage to in
it in the computer room, but it was too dif
and program-wise (map shape), so I gave
However, game-wise, it is the same as the
It is very simple and not so fresh. This is t
wanted to do the most since we decided t
the ocean. Well, the game has to be the p

-01/2/9 (Friday)

I am not feeling so well after last night's d
Severe diarrhea, abdominal pain. Only s
half hours .....

I'm getting old.

My Mac started to act up in the morning. M

Read The Truth About Shadow Moses. Obj
the previous one is more interesting as a s
the game design, scenarios, maps, directi
promotion, and coordination of 70 people
doing management and production for oth
like to do it all myself, like in the old days.
are the best part. It's hard not being involv
time. I can’t help but be jealous.

Swam at the club, OMD's "Enola Gay" was
Depeche Mode..... must have been an 80
station. I feel like I'm surviving on nostalgi
days.

-01/2/15 (Wednesday)

My stomach is feeling bad, probably due t
drinking party. Recently, if I go out drinkin
next day. **Something's definitely wrong**

organs.

I put a hard disk on the test machine. Inst
from MGS2. It took about 20 minutes, but
this fast, it will affect the game design. Us
break either.

MGS2’s presentation at the Toy Show in N
featured in IGN. Raiden, Fortune, and Solid
as promised. They seem to think Raiden is
intended. Nice!

I met Muranaka. It's been half a year. He s
health. I played the first demo version and

We had a meeting about the RAY fight, an
walking of RAY is enough since we have IK

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-01/2/21 (Wednesday)

This morning, I noticed that my right foot
poop at a railroad crossing. It must have b
not a slum, so no way it was human shit le
tracks. Did I step in it last night? No, I took
unlikely. Did I step on a land mine on what
as Poop Street? I haven’t stepped on poop
quite discouraged. My mood has soured. E
kid, before sports day, I was told by my m
horse shit. It will make your legs faster.” N
no horse shit around, so I had to go with d
remember picking a dry one. In those day
rain-soaked shit around. It lost its color an
shit.

-01/3/1 (Wednesday)

It's the release day of Z.O.E. At the same t
day of the unveiling of MGS2.

In the afternoon, I got a report from the re
It seems that it was flying off the shelves
relief.

**A call came in from overseas. It seem
really came to the audition. His perfo
outstanding. I want to hear the audit
making a decision.**

I will record the poly cutscenes of the prev
them. I applied the pictures along with the
dialogue, but it was a low-poly video. Even
from a 3-year-old game, it makes me lose
doesn't get any better.

A VHS of live-action footage arrived from I
Millennium Countdown scene and the offic
usable.

Internet ranking started at 6:00 PM. We al
and counted down. We heard the time rep
6:00 PM”, but nothing happened. Maybe t
expected.

After a light dinner, the first report came.
have entered. Some of them are from the

-01/3/9 (Friday)

I have skipped my diary for a week again.
writing when I get busy. This is especially
go out or have a lot of meetings, and inter
can continue from now on.

I'm going to the head office today, so I'm
really hate suits.

-01/9/11 (Tuesday)

Two typhoons are approaching, and typho
close. But so far, the rain and wind have n
Trains are running normally. I have been w
hours a day, without a break.

At this time of year, people are divided int
are those who try to escape from the hard
development. They suddenly say, "I need
to….. " or "I've had enough of developmen
over.” The other type is the people who or
project saying "I don't have enough time,
time.” The former is not suited for creating

My health has been terrible recently.

intestines are at their worst. And on t
have a severe headache today. I boug
arrowroot solution at the pharmacy, but it
the pain.

While checking the game, I thought about
the TGS video. I think it would be better n
I've been having people play on the monit
and the surprise around the switch from S
seems to be high. It would probably be wis
catalyst. Expose Raiden in commercials ar
explosive American release. No doubt it
everyone. This isn’t a TV series, the seque
the audience.

Integrated Kyle's OP into the game. It was

At night, an incident happened.

It took away many lives and our dreams.

-01/10/19 (Friday)

The production is scheduled to finish toda
about it because the situation is not norm
attacks in the U.S. and anthrax, but at lea
will happen to the world in the future? I ar
for the first time in three years, my busyn
anxiety will be relieved. I want to relax for
while. However, once the master is finishe
to relax until December with all the presen
preparation for the launch, and promotion
am really tired.

I'm exhausted.

I finished reading Sci-Fi Moon by Umehar
would be cool if Carventer made a movie

likely to be a hit, but I like this kind of wor
sci-fi, probably only people in their 30’s ar

-01/11/27 (Tuesday)

In the afternoon, I went to the doctor for a
Unfortunately, it seems that I'm already lik
cried wolf”, and they don't take me seriou
history. It may really just be stress again. I
results of a one-day physical checkup I ha
they said the painful part of my back migh
the stomachache, they gave me a week's
and Selbex.

**They are going to take blood samples
tests just in case. The results are exp
I gave the doctor a copy of MGS2.**

He said that if the pain is in my pancreas,

I am not familiar with the term pancreas. T
like it is an important organ. Either way, I
don't know the cause.

However, the pain in my stomach does no
after taking the medicine I was given. It se
hurt whenever my stomach is empty. If th
medicine should help by suppressing stom

Anyway, it hurts. I can't concentrate.

In the afternoon, I bought a book of essay
Yuichi Shimpo.

I signed the greeting cards for the limited
game, which will be sent to Carpenter, Bry
Norrington, and others. I am somewhat ha
write some comments, but my English is n
not to.

-01/11/29 (Wednesday)

At last, today is the Japanese release date
that people are already lining up at large s
cold weather. Thank you for your hard wor
the staff members have also gone to chec
situation, so it is very quiet in the office, a
holiday.

I've been taking the medicine the doctor g
doesn't seem to be getting any better. No
is increasing. The pain is especially painfu
stomach. It must be my stomach or duode

-01/12/28 (Friday)

It is the last day of work for this year, 200
all on leave except for Takabe. I had plann
proposal for the next project sometime thi
do it because I had been checking the dev

the making-of book since yesterday. We w
checked it and cut out the names of indivi
other risky parts. I'm about halfway done,
to read through.

A few minutes ago, a soldier who was on t
foreign newscaster (who speaks Japanese
reception of Konami JPN. They were the or
me yesterday. I signed their copies of MGS
Kitty Hawk cap in return. They said they h
Afghanistan just a few days ago. They are
in the new year. They haven’t played MGS

The year of the snake is almost over.
refreshed. My body is still not back to norm